

4) **The V** _____

**This person is the unpredictable,
volatile ticking time bomb.**

- a) Be humble without being a doormat.
- b) Assert your feelings without responding aggressively.

5) **The C** _____

**This person handles stress,
conflict or social interaction by going into silent mode.**

- a) Be careful not to dominate the conversation.
- b) Ask open-ended questions that require more than a yes or no answer.
- c) Create a safe environment for them to share with you.

6) **The N** _____

**This person is highly critical
and seems obsessed with finding mistakes.**

- a) Try to sincerely build them up by pointing out the good you see in them.
- b) Avoid being defensive.

7) **The V** _____

This person is the constant whiner.

- a) Set boundaries.
- b) Keep reaffirming your concern and care for them.
- c) Ask them, "What can you do to make the situation better?"

What if God intends that we treat "Extra Grace Required" people with the grace that they require?

God put these people in our midst
for both their b_____ and ours.

They are an opportunity for growth
and a test of fellowship:

Will we love them as brothers and sisters
and treat them with dignity
and be a place where the love is lived out?

**Is not the nature of grace that it is a gift to those who do not
deserve it, and who have not earned it?**

"If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate." Luke 6:32-36, CEB

Grace is especially for people who are "Extra Grace Required" people! Jesus tells us that grace in action is to:

- a) love the unlovable, to
- b) do good to those who do bad, and to
- c) give to those you know don't deserve your generosity, and will never pay you back.

Respond in the O _____ Spirit.