

Rattlesnake Roundup - Kill 'em right. How do you kill one wrong?

The question is not whether or not we'll admonish one another, but will we do it right or will we do it wrong?

How do you do it wrong?

1. silent treatment - just won't talk to them.
2. refusing to forgive or forget
3. passive aggressive - acting out hostility and anger in subtle ways
  - neglecting their projects
  - not showing up to help
  - leaving things undone
  - hiding things
  - reacting to person's ideas or comments with a sneer or snide humor
4. active aggressive
  - forget subtle
  - openly criticizing
  - never supporting anything they do
  - getting other people on your side
  - gossiping
5. internalizing
  - blaming your attitude on others
  - feeling sorry for yourself and always bringing something up as a justification for it.
  - losing interest in activities where the person is
  - admitting your anger but blaming others instead of taking responsibility for it.

Admonishment done wrong is not an attempt to correct and doesn't have the best interest of the person in mind. It is self-centered and based on the feelings of the person who sees themselves as wronged and is an angry, vengeful, unChristian attempt to hurt the person who has wronged them; to feel better by making others feel bad.

Problems not dealt with may become the elephant in the living room of the family or the sanctuary of the church.