

The Best Relationships
Family: More or Less Ideal – Part 2 of 6
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fil-i-bus-ter

noun

1.

an action such as a prolonged speech that obstructs progress in a legislative assembly while not technically contravening the required procedures.

"it was defeated by a Senate filibuster in June"

synonyms: stonewalling, delaying tactics, procrastination, obstruction, temporizing

"many hours in committee are characterized by filibuster"

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Family Filibusters

Caustic Attitudes & Words

The Big "Sulk"

Sarcasm

Tantrums

The root of family filibusters:

Proverbs 22:15 Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.
ESV

The Damage Done by Family Filibusters

It brings the house down (Proverbs 14:1)

Proverbs 14:1 The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down. ESV

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ESV

Words are not heard ((Proverbs 16:22)

Proverbs 16:22 Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.
ESV

It rips individuals apart (Proverbs 17:12)

Proverbs 17:12 Let a man meet a she-bear robbed of her cubs rather than a fool in his folly. ESV

Selfishness leads to ruin (Pro. 19:3)

Proverbs 19:3 When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD. ESV

God shows us how to work through family filibusters (Hosea 11:4; Romans 2:3-4)

Hosea 11:4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, I bent down to them and fed them. ESV

Romans 2:3-4 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ESV

The overlooked pillar in our culture: Spiritual Development

Proverbs 18:14 A healthy spirit conquers adversity, but what can you do when the spirit is crushed? (MSG)

My Next Step today is to...

- ☐ Identify ways I'm causing family filibusters and ask God to help me change
- ☐ Make attending worship at Church in the Valley a priority to grow my spiritual dimension
- ☐ On the right-hand side of the Connection Card, "Contact me about...meeting up with someone to clarify my commitment to Christ (we really want to help you know how to connect with God)"