



# Between the Lines

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## OK, OK I get it now, do you...?

To understand why some people are disrespectful, dehumanizing and a bully you have to understand why other people act the way they do. My biggest life lesson was, in my late 30's when I was exposed to a person for over a year who was the worst kind of bully imaginable and due to various circumstances had control over me. I always knew I had inherent good feelings about people from my upbringing but they were sharpened and honed during that terrible year.

A lot has to do with the competitive drive, from early childhood games so many of us want to be the winner. However, it's our reaction when we do win or lose that matters. Can't fact check this but it's said that when the North won the civil war, during a celebration, President Lincoln was asked by the person leading the band what song he wanted to hear, he said "play Dixie". We know by the pure nature of the war that he was a very compassionate man, so even if it is not true it sure fits.

There are options to consider in every situation. You have to do some searching and creative thinking and even look into your inner soul. Imagine yourself in the vulnerable position of the person you are dealing with...come on, how much trouble can you get into by being nice to people all the time, not much I'll bet.

The folks that work for STS/SBC are counting on you to live up to our culture and to carry it through, after all it is our way of life, please don't let them down.

**BE NICE OR GO HOME.**

Come back another day and come see me...I can help, I promise...

