

Dec 2021_Three Tiny Ants Doing Things Differently

(Jesus speaking:) Three tiny ants were trying to get their little load of goodies they had gathered into the same hole, all at the same time. It wasn't going to work. One ant realised he'd need to wait, and took a step back to do just that. Another ant just pushed and pushed and forced his way, making him be further ahead than the last ant. The final one couldn't do much but wait until the pushing was done, and then he made his way in.

If you are to look at each of these ants, you'll probably say each one was doing something wrong. Yet, in the end it did all work out.

The first one didn't do what he was meant to—bring his load into the hole; he went backwards, while others worked.

The second one was impolite and pushy—he did what he was meant to, but stopped others from doing so.

The third just stood around, neither doing the job, nor choosing to be polite and give others a chance—he was just in the way for awhile.

Whatever way you look at it, you'll find fault. However, in the end the job did get done. How? By each one doing something different than the others. So if others are doing things wrong, at least that which seems wrong from your perspective, don't be too fast to criticise. Doing things differently might be what brings the positive end result, even if not all is orchestrated perfectly. Wait until the end, when the job you have all set out to do is done, before judging if things are right or not.

Maybe a little imperfection and zeal might be better than all standing politely around, discussing for hours how to do it perfectly; meanwhile the sun sets and the rest of the grain wasn't brought in to a safe place.

If someone is getting the job done, but not quite as you think it's best, be glad at least that you aren't having to carry twice as much of a load—theirs and yours. Be glad they are trying at least, in some way, to help out. In the end you'll probably forget about the imperfections, and rejoice that it all got done in time.