

**The Book of Job**  
***Conversations at the Garbage Dump: Round 1 Part 3***  
**Job 11-14 (page 355)**

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Like Zophar, we are of no help to those who are hurting when we:

- attack them personally (Job 11:1-6)
  
- talk down to them (Job 11:7-12)
  
- pridefully think that we have all truth (Job 11:13-20)

That approach may cause us to find that those who are hurting will:

- resent our attitude (Job 12:1-25)
  
- reject our counsel (Job 13:1-28)
  
- lose confidence that there is any future hope  
 (Job 14:1-22)

**Personal time...**

Think about how you approach others when speaking to them, especially when offering help or counsel in a difficult situation. Are you able to detach them from the issue(s)? Do you take an attitude of superiority in your advice? Do you have all the answers? How can you become a better help to them? \_\_\_\_\_

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Has there been a time when you were on the receiving end of a “Zophar”? How did you feel after that encounter? What would have been a more helpful approach for you to benefit? \_\_\_\_\_

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## An Overview of the Book of Job

**The Character of Job (1:1-5)**  
**The Calamities of Job (1:6-2:10)**  
**The Comforters of Job (2:11-13)**

**Job's Complaint (3:1-26)**

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 1**  
**(4:14-14:22)**

Eliphaz's speech (4-5)  
 Job's response (6-7)  
 Bildad's speech (8)  
 Job's response (9-10)  
 Zophar's speech (11)  
 Job's response (12-14)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 2**  
**(15:1-21:34)**

Eliphaz's second speech (15)  
 Job's response (16-17)  
 Bildad's second speech (18)  
 Job's response (19)  
 Zophar's second speech (20)  
 Job's response (21)

**Dialogue/Dispute: Round 3**  
**(22:1-31:40)**

Eliphaz's third speech (22)  
 Job's reply (23-24)  
 Bildad's third speech (25)  
 Job's response (26-31)

**Elihu's speeches (32-37)**

**God's Confrontation (38-42:6)**

God's first speech (38:1-40:2)  
 Job's response (40:3-5)  
 God's second speech (40:6-41:34)  
 Job's response (42:1-6)

**Job and His Friends (42:7-17)**

God vindicates Job (42:7-9)  
 God restores Job's fortunes (42:10-17)

### A Profile of Job's Four Friends

	<b>Eliphaz</b>	<b>Bildad</b>	<b>Zophar</b>	<b>Elihu</b>
<b>Distinctive:</b>	Theologian, Pragmatist	Historian, Legalist	Moralist, Dogmatist	Theological Intellectual
<b>Relies on:</b>	Experience	Tradition	Assumption	Education
<b>Voice of:</b>	Philosophy	History	Orthodoxy	Logic
<b>Key Phrase:</b>	"I have seen..."	"Ask the former generations..."	"Know this..."	"Listen to me..."
<b>Argument:</b>	"If you sin, you suffer..."	"You MUST be sinning since you suffer..."	"You ARE sinning since you suffer..."	"Suffering may be to PURIFY and INSTRUCT..."
<b>Advice to Job:</b>	"ONLY the wicked suffer"	"The wicked ALWAYS suffer"	"The wicked are SHORT-LIVED"	"HUMBLE yourself before God"
<b>Meaning of Name:</b>	"God dispenses"	"Contention"	"Rough" of "Chirper"	"He is my God"