

Don't do it !!!

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Careful...

Sticks are...

too tangled together !!!

Try to move one stick...

disturb the whole thing

Kind of like

other people's problems

Can't touch one problem

Don't touch...

**Without upsetting
the whole mess**

Don't do it...

Don't play...

Don't do it !!!

There used to be a game called "Pick Up Sticks". The challenge in that game was to pick up an individual stick without moving any other sticks. If you moved another stick, you lost your turn. When you moved that other stick, no matter how careful you had been, it was like getting a shock. Ouch!

That pile of pick up sticks can be a bit like the problem areas in each one of us. We all have our top level pick up sticks and then those buried underneath. The deeper level sticks are more sensitive, and if you or someone else moves one, there can be a big "ouch!"

When dealing with other people, may I learn to stop touching their lower level sticks. I may have ideas about how to help with those problems, but if I get involved at that level, it can cause lots of troubles and even sharp reactions.. May I learn to stay out of other people's problems and sensitive areas. May I learn to stop touching those lower pick up sticks! May I remember to tell myself, " Don't do it."

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Don't!

Don't do it !!!

Stay out of it ...

Danger !!!