

DEALING WITH OUR ADVERSARIES

Luke 6:27-28

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Adversary	Offense	Intention	Response Required	Basic Problem
ENEMY	HOSTILITY	DESTROY YOUR POTENTIAL Matt. 13:24-28	LOVE HIM	JEALOUSY I Sam. 18:29 Or GREED
HATER	HOLD MALICIOUS FEELINGS	DESTROY YOUR HAPPINESS I John 3:15	DO GOOD	BITTERNESS Gen. 27:41
CURSER	SPEAK HATEFULLY AGAINST	DESTROY YOUR REPUTATION AND INFLUENCE Numbers 22-24	BLESS HIM	UNMERCIFUL HEART Ps. 109:15-17
PERSECUTOR	TREAT ABUSIVELY	DESTROY YOUR SPIRIT Ps. 143:3-4	PRAY FOR HIM	RESENTMENT I Jn. 3:12-13

Since the beginning of time and the first two brothers had conflict, which led to the murder of one, mankind has had difficulty getting along with his fellow human being (Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:1-16). Man has almost constantly experienced disagreeing, protesting, opposing, disputing, fighting, struggling, quarreling, conflicting, disunity, hostility, battling, striving, clashing, hitting, beating, whipping, punishing, combating, warring, marching against, as well as dissension and contention.

One would think that as a person understands the blessings of God that there would be a tremendous effort made to get along in life with other human beings. However, since mankind seemingly is determined to have his own way, even among those who claim to be God's people, it is doubtful if this will ever change this side of heaven. It is God's will that His people have unity (John 17:20-23; Proverb 16:7-8).

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