

DEALING WITH THE ENEMY

What is an enemy?

According to Merriam-Webster... Enemy is one seeking to injure, overthrow, or confound an opponent; Something harmful or deadly; Someone hostile or forceful against another.

How many of you have enemies? How does the enemy make you feel?

Typically, the enemy will cause us to feel with a wide variety of emotions.... fearful, sadness, anger, hurtfulness, terror, rage, grief, loathing, and vigilance to name just a few.

As a Christian, we are to be Christ like and deal with our enemies with love and acts of compassion. This is so hard for us being human, we would rather have everything bad possible happen to our enemy.

Prayer is the answer for us. We must pray. Pray for forgiveness of our enemies. Pray for a soft heart.

Looking at scripture to support this...

The most well-known prayer for forgiveness is found in **Luke 23:34** where Jesus while on the cross said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".

Matthew 5:44-45 – “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven;”

Luke 6:27-28 – “But I say to those who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are abusive to you.”

Jesus sets a powerful example for his followers, all of us, to emulate in our own lives. His teachings and actions encourage us to rise above personal grievances and extend grace, reflecting the love of God even to those who may oppose us. So, I hope this devotion helps you to deal with your enemies.