

YOU ARE NOT MY ENEMY

"Love sincerely. Hate evil. Hold on to what is good. 10 Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other. 11 Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord. 12 Be happy in your confidence, be patient in trouble, and pray continually. 13 Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Be hospitable. 14 Bless those who persecute you. Bless them, and don't curse them. 15 Be happy with those who are happy. Be sad with those who are sad. 16 Live in harmony with each other. Don't be arrogant, but be friendly to humble people. Don't think that you are smarter than you really are. 17 Don't pay people back with evil for the evil they do to you. Focus your thoughts on those things that are considered noble. 18 As much as it is possible, live in peace with everyone. 19 Don't take revenge, dear friends. Instead, let God's anger take care of it. After all, Scripture says, "I alone have the right to take revenge. I will pay back, says the Lord." 20 But, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. If you do this, you will make him feel guilty and ashamed." 21 Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil with good."

Romans 12.9-11 (GW)

An enemy is someone who actively opposes you, who works against your wellbeing, your goals, or your values

Disagreeing does not automatically make someone your enemy

There's grace for disagreement

If you misidentify your enemy, you'll misdirect your energy

"Our only goal is to please God..."
2 Corinthians 5.9 (NCV)

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."
Proverbs 27.6 (NCV)

We have an enemy

Satan is our enemy

"...He was a murderer from the beginning..."
John 8.44 (NKJV)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil’s evil tricks. 12 Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.”

Ephesians 6.10-12 (NCV)

Our fight is NOT against people

When you don’t process your pain you usually project it

We don’t need more division we need more dialogue

Love our enemies

I’ve never met anyone I couldn’t love once I heard their story

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

John 17.20-21

