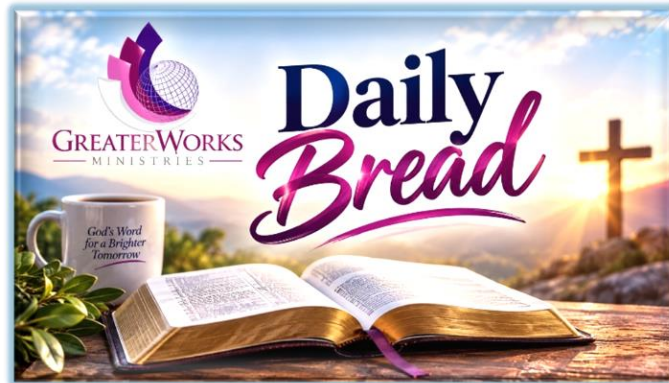




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WHY SHOULD I LOVE MY ENEMY

Matthew 5 vs 44 (KJV) But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Enemies are an important component of your destiny. You can't reach where God wants you to be without enemies or without opposition. Your opposition and your motivation are just two sides of one coin. If you don't see through your opposition, you often lose the bigger picture.

The fact that your enemy is honest enough to come clean that he doesn't like you is a very good starting point for you. Enemies are very honest people, if they don't like you, they say it. It is unlike fake friends who would tell you that they love you and are with you while they don't mean it at all and will live you all alone at a critical time. I prefer to love my enemy for the reason that I know he is my enemy that a fake friend who will bite me painfully at an opportune time. I will love my enemy.

Enemies will always tell you when you go wrong. If you do anything silly your enemy will NEVER keep quiet about it, he will rush to publish it and for sure you will know it that I have really done wrong. Your enemies are like your bell on a heifer that will quickly tell you where the whole herd of cattle is.

Your enemy is your source of motivation. In most cases the opposition we face daily motivates us to do better. The desire to prove some people wrong provide a lot of motivation for us. Opposition has a way of provoking you to desire to do better. In the bible we have examples of people who benefited from the mockery and from the work of their enemies.

Hannah had to use Peninah's mockery as motivation for prayer (1 Samuel 1-2). You will see that in many times, even Christians in the past had to use persecution as motivation to advance the Gospel. Christianity grew bigger and faster in the midst of persecution. Do not always pray for the destruction of opposition around, use that as your source of motivation. Did they say you will not

amount to anything? Then use that to work hard and prove them wrong. Did they say you will be impregnated and dumped? Use that to find more grace and see them getting choked with their saliva. Nehemiah used the opposition of Tobiah and Sanballat as his motivation when he was building the walls of Jerusalem (**Nehemiah 4**). Remember our Lord Jesus Christ, his enemies helped him a great deal in reaching his destiny. Imagine if Jesus was surrounded only by those who like him, who would then kill him to fulfill the scriptures? Some people who are causing pain in your life are only doing so to fulfill what the scriptures have said about you. Jesus didn't fight them, not all your enemies are worth your fight, be wise.

I can tell you with certainty that God is not using your friends for your next level, he is using your enemies instead. Joseph was helped by his enemies to get to his destiny. I will love my enemies because of the role that God is about to cause them to play to take me to my next level. God will set a table before you in the presence of your enemies (Psalms 23:5). At the time of your promotion, it will be sweeter to have your enemies around and in the crowd. That's what God does.

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