

Series: Romans

“Some Biblical Counsel Regarding Our Enemies”

(Sunday Morning November 7th, 2021)

Passage: Romans 12:14-21

Luke 6:26 "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way"

2 Tim 3:12 "Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"

You can mark this down; as soon as you begin to live your life fully devoted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, you will discover that someone will rise up against you and o_____y_____.

Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you"

Luke 6:28-29 "28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 'Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. 30 'Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back"

Luke 6:31 "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you."

1 Pet 3:9 "Do not return evil for evil or insult for insult, but give a blessing instead"

I. We Should C_____ Our Desire to R_____

1) By B_____ Our Enemy

Matt 12:34 "(Jesus Said)...for the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart"

Dr. W.A. Criswell suggested that it would be even better for our enemy to hear about our positive speech regarding him or her from an i_____ s_____.

2) By H_____ Our Enemy

Paul is encouraging us to do just as much to express kindness to our enemy as they are doing to express hatred to us and to do so in ways that are v_____ and t_____.

Prov 18:19 "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, And contentions are like the bars of a citadel."

3) By I_____ With Our Enemy

We should never rejoice if our enemy faces a tragedy or a failure in their life; this shows that we have no class, and it can also invoke G_____ w_____.

Prov 24:17 "Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles"

Prov 24:18 "Or the LORD will see it and be displeased, and turn His anger away from him."

II. We Should C_____ Our Enemy's P_____

1) By Being I_____

Rom 2:11 "For there is no partiality with God"

1 Tim 5:21 "...do nothing in a spirit of partiality"

Acts 10:15 "...What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy"

We are all different; we come from different backgrounds and we have different temperments, and sometimes these things can c_____ the i_____.

2) By Being H_____

Phil 2:3-4 "3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others"

This is the problem; sometimes we have our own personal interests or agenda, and we are adamantly convinced that we are r_____ when we are in fact w_____.

3) By Being C_____

Prov 15:1 "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

III. We Should C_____ Our V_____ to the Lord

1) By L_____ on Jesus

1 Pet 2:21-23 "21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously"

2) By H_____ for Reconciliation

When an Egyptian man wanted to demonstrate his public shame, he would carry a pan of burning coals on his head which was supposed to represent the burning pain of his s_____ and g_____.

1 Sam 18:7 "The women sang as they played, and said, 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.'"

1 Sam 18:8-9 "8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?' 9 Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on."

1 Sam 24:6 "So he (David) said to his men, 'Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD'S anointed.'"

1 Sam 24:8-10, 16-22 (Turn and Read)

Matt 5:43-45 "43 You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; ..."

