Enemies

**When the ways of people please the Lord,**

**he causes even their enemies to be at peace with them.**

***(Proverbs 16:7)***

**You have heard that it is said,**

**Be kind to your friend, and hate your enemy.**

**Love your enemies, bless anyone who curses you,**

**do good to anyone who hates you,**

**and pray for those who carry you away by force and persecute you.**

***(St. Matthew 5:43-44)***

**Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**I bring out the worst in my enemies and that's how I get them to defeat themselves. *(Roy Cohn, attorney)***

**If your enemy is laughing, how can he bludgeon you to death? *(Mel Brooks)***

**The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. *(Winston Churchill)***

**The enemy of the conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events. *(John Kenneth Galbraith)***

**Leonardo da Vinci was a famous painter. He was one of the outstanding intellects of all history. He was a draftsman and engineer. But just before he commenced on his work “The Last Supper,” he had a violent quarrel with a fellow painter. He was so enraged and bitter that he was determined to paint the face of his enemy (the other artist) into the face of Judas. In this way he would take revenge and vent his anger by handing the man down in infamy and scorn to succeeding generations. The face of Judas was, therefore, one of the very first he finished in the painting. Everyone who saw this initial stage of the painting could recognize the face of the other painter as that of Judas. When it came time to paint the face of Christ, he could make no progress. A week went by. A month went by. He could not get the face of Jesus right. Something seemed to be missing. Something seemed to be baffling to his paint brush. It was holding him back. It was frustrating his best efforts. At length he came to the conclusion that the thing frustrating him was the fact that he had painted his enemy into the face of Judas. Therefore, he painted out the face of Judas and commenced anew on the face of Jesus. This time he did so with great success. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth)***

**You will know your enemies because they're the ones that interfere with the work. *(Bette Davis)***

**It's a great deal easier to forgive an enemy after you get even with him -- or a little ahead. *(Grit)***

**Man is the only animal who’ll eat with an enemy. *(L. M. Boyd, in Boyd’s Book of Odd Facts, p. 4)***

**A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled one is truly vanquished. *(Friedrich Schiller)***

**They sent us to fight an enemy and when we returned, we had to fight another enemy -- us. *(Jesus Oliveras, a chief warrant officer in an Augusta, Georgia, Army Reserve unit who was among those ordered back to duty without compensation despite what he said were debilitating back and shoulder injuries suffered while on duty in Iraq, as it appeared in the Rocky Mountain News, August 2, 2004)***

**Forgive your enemies -- if you can’t get back at them any other way. *(Franklin P. Jones, in The Wall Street Journal)***

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**One method of winning friends is to ask for advice or a favor. The person who can grant you a favor derives ego satisfaction from doing so. Benjamin Franklin, in his "Autobiography,” tells about using this method to convert an enemy into a lifelong friend. In 1736 Franklin's name was up for clerk of the General Assembly. Except for this one enemy Franklin felt assured he could get the nomination. The man was very powerful, and Franklin knew he must win his friendship or lose. “Having heard,” Franklin wrote, “that he had in his library a certain very scarce book, I wrote a note to him, expressing my desire of perusing that book and requesting he would do me the favor of lending it to me.” The man was flattered and delighted by the request, loaned Franklin the book, and became one of his most ardent supporters. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friends to one; enemy to none. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults. *(Ben Franklin, in The Wall Street Journal)***

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**I owe much to my friends; but, all things considered, it strikes me that I owe even more to my enemies. The real person springs to life under a sting even better than under a caress. *(Andre Gide, in Pretexts)***

**It took me a long time to learn that God is not the enemy of my enemies. He is not even the enemy of his enemies. *(Martin Niemoller)***

**Enemies are so stimulating. *(Katharine Hepburn)***

**The biggest devil is me. I’m either my best friend or my worst enemy. *(Whitney Houston, in 2002)***

**One very important ingredient of success is a good, wide-awake, persistent, tireless enemy. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Self-pity is our worst enemy, and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world. *(Helen Keller)***

**Only enemies speak the truth; friends and lovers lie endlessly, caught in the web of duty. *(Stephen King)***

**If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. *(Sun Tzu)***

**Minister to congregation: “Learn to forgive your enemies. It will drive them up the wall.” *(Bo Brown, in Sign)***

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**We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**According to Carl Sandburg, an elderly woman asked Lincoln, “How can you speak kindly of your enemies when you should rather destroy them?” “Madam,” he said, “do I not destroy them when I make them my friends.” *(Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, in Abraham Lincoln)***

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**Enemies are made, not born. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**We make more enemies by what we say than friends by what we do. (John C. Collins)**

**If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner. *(Nelson Mandela, in Long Walk to Freedom)***

**When the enemy is making a false movement, we must take good care not to interrupt him. *(Napoleon)***

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**Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment. *(Michael Corleone, Godfather character)***

**One should never push one's enemy to the point of despair, because such a state multiplies his strength and increases his courage. *(Francois Rabelais)***

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**If you don’t have enemies, you don’t have character. *(Paul Newman, actor)***

He who has a thousand friends has not a friend to spare, and he who has one enemy will meet him everywhere. *(Ali Ibn-Abi-Talib, in A Hundred Sayings)*

United, we will overcome the enemy -- but to unite, we must agree on who the enemy is. *(Ashleigh brilliant, in Pot-Shots)*

Even paranoids have real enemies. *(Delmore Schwartz)*

**A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled one is truly vanquished. *(Friedrich Schiller)***

**If there is room in your heart for an enemy, it is not a safe place for a friend. *(Sufi saying)***

**A man who has made no enemies is probably not a very good man. *(Antonin Scalia, former Associate Supreme Court Justice)***

**Sometimes the enemy of your enemy is just a jackass. *(Sen. Ben Sasse)***

**Speak well of your enemies; remember you made them. *(Paul Lee Tan, in Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations)***

**There’s no point in actively trying to, quote unquote, defeat your enemies. Trash takes itself out every single time. *(Taylor Swift, in Time magazine)***

**We are going to do a terrible thing to you: We are going to deprive you of an enemy. *(Georgi Arbatov, Soviet political scientist, to a U.S. audience in 1988, in the Financial Times)***

**It pays to know the enemy -- not least because at some time you may have the opportunity to turn him into a friend. *(Margaret Thatcher, in Downing Street Years)***

**A traveler to distant places should make no enemies. *(Nigerian proverb)***

**Bad week for: Unseen enemies, after British mathematician Kit Yates calculated that the 2 quintillion very tiny coronavirus particles in the world would fit inside a single Coke can. *(The Week magazine, February 19, 2021)***

**Never offend an enemy in a small way. *(Gore Vidal, in The New Yorker)***

**James Whistler, the painter, loved his enemies because, he said, they kept one always busy. When critic Tom Taylor died, in 1880, a friend met Whistler walking down Piccadilly. “Why do you look so sad?” he asked. Whistler replied, “Tom Taylor is dead. I am lonesome. They are all dying. I have hardly a warm personal enemy left.” *(Hesketh Pearson, in The Man Whistler)***

**A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**If you want to make enemies, try to change something. (President Woodrow Wilson)**

**If you wish to make a man your enemy, tell him simply, “You are wrong.” This method works every time. (Henry C. Link)**

**A doubtful friend is worse than a certain enemy. Let a man be one thing or the other, and then we know how to meet him. (Aesop)**

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