

Power of "Love Your Enemies"

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Jesus' Sermon on the Mount admonition to "love your enemies" is among the most important and unfortunately neglected of his divine teachings among his modern Christian followers.

It seems to me that conservative radio and TV hosts not only disregard this teaching — doing the opposite — but actually openly disparage it as not helpful (e.g. Jesse Kelly, my fav. radio personality).

The most-revered, late Rush Limbaugh was especially horrible in this regard, setting a bad example to all the burgeoning talking head leaders he inspired for three decades. Pres. Trump falls way short in this matter as well, as illustrated by his "mean tweets" reputation and his deriding people's appearance (ad hominem), like an elementary school bully, e.g. "Adam Schiff's [sic?] 'watermelon-shaped head.'"

How rude! That doesn't win honorable people over. I find it deeply offensive, though I admire Pres. Trump overall, to the point of predicting he could serve as the U.S. President through the Millennium. (Job 33:25. See my book, None to One at IIndComing.com.)

I've found in my own life that adhering to this "love your enemies" ^{injuration} has born very positive fruit.

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"Enemies" become friends — not because I acquiesce to their evil, but because I respect the good that is in them. And I see them voluntarily, proactively gradually migrate from evil to good because of that influence.

Look at how I've worded this editorial. Can you see the love and respect in the midst of a very stern rebuke? Love includes chastening (Heb. 12:6; Rev. 3:19). Humor can be one of the most effective manifestations of love.

Think of it this way: the harder it is, the better you'll get at it. We're called to emulate God, and he (& she) loves us all, including the most despicable, in their darkest hour. We're His (& Her) hands on earth, to reach out and lift up, with love — including to political opponents in league with Satan.

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