

MAGAZINE SECTIONDevotional

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

One evening a group of us had just returned from a baseball game. Somehow the subject of loving one's enemies came up. After a brief discussion on the subject, a big muscular fellow stood up and said, "Love your enemies? - nonsense! That's not human."

No truer words were ever spoken, for in most lives it is not human nature to love one's enemies. To love in this way is divine nature, and it is a height to which God calls us.

Expressing a little less human nature and a little more divine nature makes us worthy to be called Christians. We ought never to forget that when we love God we also love our brothers. No exceptions are made to this truth, whether our brother be a devoted friend or an apparent foe.

Who knows? With a little love and a little prayer, an enemy may soon become a trusted friend.

Prayer: Our Father, make us ever prepared to love those whom You have made our brothers. Where we have differences, make us tolerant; when we have misunderstanding, may we seek to resolve it in love. In the spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

GREAT LIVES

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

Henry W. Longfellow.

Fame

The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not obtained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept
Were toiling upward in the night.

H.E.L.

The Lighter Side

The manager of a Brantford bowling alley was puzzled by a young woman bowling first with her left hand and then with her right hand.

"You'll improve your game if you just concentrate on one hand," he advised.

"Oh I don't care much about my score," she replied, "I'm concerned about my weight, I want to take some off each side."

Sign on a small boy's room: "Wreckreation Area."

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