

# Created adversaries

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Adversaries

**Luk 6:35** *But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.*

Adversaries are categorized into those who have made enemies of God, and those you have of you. Enemies are made by choice. Choice of disagreement is the biggest cause of enemies. We don't always choose to make enemies and sometimes we even regret that. That is why someone once said "Be kind to your enemies – after all you have created them". We have been looking at satan and our own bodies primarily as being adversaries. But what about the enemies we should never have had. Other enemies you should have had, you don't.

## 1. What types of enemies do you have

### 1.1. Enemies you should have

- a) *Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*
- b) Rather be on God's side and have big enemies.

### 1.2. Enemies you shouldn't have

- a) Enemies because of differences
- b) Enemies because of fear
- c) Enemies because of hurt
- d) Enemies because of Jealousy

## 2. Turning enemies into friends

### 2.1. Forgiveness

- a) Forgive each other your trespasses.
- b) Your enemy might not deserve it but surely needs it.

### 2.2. Understanding yourself

- a) If you know how unique God made you, you will not ever be jealous or show any similarity thereto.
- b) The enemy will make you a slave.

### 2.3. Knowing your authority

- a) You don't have to fear anyone.
- b) No one will have more authority than God will allow.

### 2.4. Loving differences

- a) Learn to love the fact that people are not the same, and that is great.
- b) Loving the fact that your personality and way of thinking is different.
- c) Respecting the fact that others may not see what you see, or even see more than you.

## 3. Rules of relationships

3.1. **Never burn bridges** – You never know when you might need them.

3.2. **Treat others the way you would want** – Respect them like you respect yourself, till they prove themselves unworthy.

3.3. **Love your enemy** – Loving those that love you is not a command.

3.4. **Never be the one to close the door** – Allow others to walk out, and wait for their return

### Things to think and do

- Do you have self-mad enemies?
- Do you live a tough, restricted life because of those enemies?