

9-24-1952

## Love Your Enemies

Wyatt Sawyer

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons>

---

### Recommended Citation

Sawyer, W. (1952). Love Your Enemies. Retrieved from <https://scholarworks.harding.edu/wyatt-sawyer-sermons/199>

This Sermon is brought to you for free and open access by the Wyatt Sawyer Archive at Scholar Works at Harding. It has been accepted for inclusion in Wyatt Sawyer Sermon Outlines by an authorized administrator of Scholar Works at Harding. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@harding.edu](mailto:scholarworks@harding.edu).



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Matthew 5:43-48

Cannot be a Christian and a human being only.

INT: Jesus insists upon a little super-human: divine spirit.  
This command separates men from boys spiritually.  
Greatest challenge to man. Contrary to human nature.

I. WHAT IS THE WORSE THING I CAN DO TO MY ENEMY?

- A. Wreck his life. Defame character. Ruin reputation.
- B. Divide his home. Scheme, connive, gossip till do.
- C. Undermine his business. Talk him into bankruptcy.
- D. Force his soul into damnation; Irk him to suicide.

II. WHAT HAVE I GAINED WHEN I HAVE DESTROYED MY ENEMY?

- A. Satisfaction of revenge. He paid eye for eye!!
  - 1. How long satisfaction last? Rom. 12:18a haunt you.
- B. Saw justice administered. He was forced to suffer too.
  - 1. Who made you judge? Matt. 7:1-4. Rom. 12:19b.
- C. Increased my profits. What is profit? Luke 12:13-21.
  - 1. Blood money the foundation of peace and happiness?
- D. Elevated self to rightful place. Matt. 23:12.
  - 1. Which is worse: Plotter or plotted against? Lk. 12:47-
- E. What have I gained? Destroyed enemy and my own self!

III. WHAT IS THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR MY ENEMY?

- A. Love him! Why? Profit nothing in other course. MORAL LOVE.
  - 1. Any gain will be through love to man. I John 4:20.
- B. Pray for him! Why? Because of what you are, and he is.
  - 1. You Christian! He needs your prayers. Matt. 5:44.
- C. Return good for evil! Why? Evil for evil profitless.
  - 1. Dog taught Sir Walter Scott. Rom. 12:20-21. Knt. 244.
- D. Forgive him! Why? Grudge: damning device of the Devil.
  - 1. Soldiers forgave each other and lived. Knt. 244.

IV. WHAT HAVE I GAINED WHEN I HAVE BLESSED MY ENEMY?

- A. Become God-like. I John 4:19. Able to love all.
- B. Gained blessing for self, if not for him. Matt. 5:9.
- C. Gained a brother. Rom. 12:20. Refined ore. Matt. 18:15.
- D. Gained a nobler life. Stayed above level of enemy.
- E. Gained divine forgiveness. Matt. 5:23-26. and 6:14.
- F. What have I gained? Saved my enemy and my own soul!

INT: Jesus came to make lost sinners, LK. 23:34.  
INT: All sinners are enemies of God. Make peace. B-R-C-B.  
Erring Christians enemies too. Turn back. R-P.

*Ill. Stuart Zalden - Book Private - shined boots.*