



“When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be a peace with him.” Proverbs 16:7

Warning! Warning! Divine train wreck approaching!

When I serve the Lord and my conduct is pleasing to Him, He has promised to grant me favour – even with my enemies (read employers, in-laws, bad neighbors and literal enemies). And yet... Jesus was more than clear that the world loves its own and hates those who love Him because they hated Him first! “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” (John 15:18 – 19).

So, what may we expect? Shall we expect our enemies to be a peace with us or to hate us? You can never know. To know absolutely would be to, sooner or later, presume upon God. To expect your enemy to always hate you would be to discount Christ living His life through you and thus using your good example when hated to touch the heart of your enemy. Conversely, to always expect your enemy to rise up and bless you would quickly elevate your ego to demagoguery!

The general rule to follow may look like this... to live whole heartedly for Christ will bring and even precipitate hatred and persecution. This in turn calls – no – drives us to prayer and a deeper walk of love in the Spirit. Should the Lord then turn the heart of our enemy for our good, we have great cause for rejoicing and celebration at the Lord’s manifest wisdom and goodness! If our enemy’s heart is not turned to favour us, we may still rejoice in our being counted worth to suffer for the Name!

“Lord, in the midst of this divine train wreck, I want to see Your face and know Your good hand upon my life!”

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