

FRATERNIZE:

- To associate with others in a _____ or congenial way
- To associate on _____ terms with an enemy or opposing group
- To treat someone who is not family - by the current standards don't deserve to be family - as if they were family

True love is robust and includes:

_____ and _____

Empathy and _____ - _____

_____ and sternness

A strong love and not just sentimentality

That combination will get you into trouble and create enemies - more people to love!

Some practical suggestions....



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LOVE THAT MAKES ENEMIES

"Golden Mouth" - John Chrysostom (AD 380's)

My conclusion: **if we are not offending some people then we are likely not loving people as the Bible Jesus would love them**

As Jesus _____ some, He _____ many others

Jesus heals a paralytic - Mark 2

Jesus eats with tax collectors - Mark 2

Jesus and disciples pick grain on a Sabbath - Mark 2

Mark 3:1-6 Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so **they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.** Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone." Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Jesus needed to take classes in conflict management

Jesus purposely and publically confronts with the truth - provoking the situation

Mark 3:5 ... "He looked around at them WITH ANGER..."

Jesus is not a trouble-maker - Jesus is a lover of souls and He even loves the Pharisees and so He "speaks the truth in love..." (Ephesians 4:15)

It is a love mixed with _____

Prayer Requests for this week...

Planning for fall and winter overseas apostolic trips to Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Turkey and Korea

Ralph's meeting with elders from an Alliance Church to discuss the work of the Holy Spirit

Ralph's work with Life Builders and the leaders of this Network province-wide

Evangelistic work in the warmer summer months reaching the lost with the Gospel

NEW RESOURCES THIS WEEK ON THE WEB

These are free downloads available for you on-line

The Apostles' Perspective - weekly comments on the Christian life posted on-line on the web site

This Monday (July 4) another edition of our E-Prayer Bulletin with prayer requests and testimonies will be posted - and sent to all who subscribe

Every day Ralph posts a new blog speaking into your life as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. These can come to your email inbox by simply subscribing to them

This week—five audio and text copies of teachings on the prophetic will be posted by Friday

See this week's blog on Chrislam - a new, fast growing religion combining Christianity and Islam, the Muslim faith. More articles and information will be posted in the coming weeks regarding this worldwide move to create a "one world religion" now in Canada

The Herodians...

- They were Jews who supported King Herod - Rome's ruler in Israel and hated by most
- The Pharisees believed the Herodians were traitors to Israel and apostates of the Jewish faith
- Political and religious enemies of the Pharisees

Mixing love and courage is often dangerous and can make enemies

The love of God and love for your neighbors and having the courage to act on it can and does make enemies

Example #1 - Jesus and the Beatitudes

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:10)

Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Example #2 - How to treat an enemy because you will have enemies

"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."

Example #3 - Being sent out as sheep among wolves

"See, I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles." (Matthew 10:16-18)

Example #4 - Jesus' mandate for His ministry...

Luke 12:49-53 "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Example #5 - The opposite side - having no enemies

Luke 6:26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

James ...

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

Writer of the book of Hebrews

Hebrews 10:32-33 Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

Paul to Timothy...

2 Timothy 3:12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...

Paul and his ministry team...

Acts 13:50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them from their region.

When you are a true disciple of the Lord and speak the truth in love you will make

So Jesus says to you: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28)

There is a second way to create enemies...

1> _____

2> Acting with _____

Story of Jonathan Taylor - University student

Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners...

Mark 2:15-16 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

If we FRATERNIZE with a perceived enemy of the faith we will make enemies - often within the faith