

ENEMIES IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE

IT IS TO BE EXPECTED

Matthew 15:19

Because we are not of the world

John 17:14

THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM

1. Overcome by kindness: David
1 Samuel 26:18-21
2. Do not curse or pray they die
Job 31:29,30
Romans 12:14;19-21: to curse denotes to deviate to destruction, to abuse by reproachful words
Would cause my mouth to sin
Keep your heart pure
3. Feed them
Romans 12:20. See also Proverbs 25:21-22
So they will become ashamed and turn from their sins
It is God's job to avenge: not ours: Hebrews 10:30
4. Love them
Luke 6:27;35
An act of the will – acting in their best interests
5. Pray for them
Matthew 5:44 – 48
Acts 7:60 (Stephen)
6. Forgive them
Luke 23:34
Matthew 6:12-15
7. Do not rejoice when your enemy falls
Proverbs 24:17
That is evil in God's eyes. It suggests a superior attitude over others

PROTECTION PROMISED FROM

Exodus 14:14: The Lord will fight for you.

Psalms 18:47,48: God frees us from our enemies.

Psalms 44:5-7: God is not only our help, but worthy of praise.

Our own efforts do not bring victory. Only God does.

Psalms 56:9: God is on my side.

Psalms 118:6 Psalms 124:1,2

Cry of faith and prayer to God to more dreadful to our spiritual foes

Psalms 60:12

It is God who treads down our enemies.

Proverbs 16:7

God is the guardian and defense of all who fear and love Him.

Isaiah 41:10-13

God promises to be with us. Don't be dismayed. He will strengthen and harden us to difficulties. Those enraged against you will be put to shame.

Isaiah 50:7-9

Be confident in the Lord's vindication.