

## A Man's Enemies

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by Cled E. Wallace

I do not want any enemies. I will not deliberately and with malice aforethought make any. It is the craving of my heart to “*follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord*” (**Hebrews 12:14**). Nevertheless, a man's enemies can be a standing monument to his power and integrity. It was so with Christ and it was so with Paul. Theodore Roosevelt said that a man who has no enemies is the man who does nothing. Christ said: “*A man's foes shall be those of his own household*” (**Matthew 10:36**).

### The Kind I Want

If I must have a few enemies, or many, here are the kind I want. I want to make them “for the truth of the gospel.” I want them to be among men who have winced from the sharp point of the sword of the Spirit. There are in active eruption, both in and out of the church, bold advocates of false doctrine. Some of them are unscrupulous. Chattering enthusiasts threaten to eclipse the present glory of the church and the power of the gospel with theories. The gospel must fit the mold of their theories or they will have none of it. If I must make a few enemies, I want them to be false teachers, church destroyers, and their sympathizers and apologists. And if they must be my enemies, I want them to be so because I have told them the truth, and on the principles involved I will ask them no quarter, nor will I offer them any. Christ did not; neither did Paul.

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**Editor's Note:** So here we are, eighty-six years later, and the things written by brother Wallace could have been written by me and a host of other faithful gospel preachers. Our names have been vilified, our reputations marred, lies propagated, etc. because the “unscrupulous” are still among us and admired by their sympathizers and defenders. Shame on all of them! I guess some things never change. God knows the truth, and in the end, God will be the righteous Judge. But you, brethren, open your eyes, search the Scriptures, and do not be party to these people!

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