

How do you conquer your enemy? — By making him your friend.

When a Hindu woman became a follower of Christ, her husband and other relatives tried to make her life miserable. One day a missionary asked her, “When your husband is angry and persecutes you, what do you do?”



She replied, “I just cook the food better and sweep the floor a little cleaner. When he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly, trying to show him in every way that when I became a Christian I also became a better wife.”

That husband resisted all the sermons of the missionary, but he could not withstand the practical preaching of his wife. The Holy Spirit used that woman’s gracious testimony and eventually the man received Jesus.

When we are wronged, we can either harbor resentment, or look for ways to show God’s love to our antagonist.

— Henry G. Bosch

When the concentration camp at Ravensbrück was liberated by the Allies after World War II, a piece of torn wrapping paper was found, on which an unknown prisoner had scribbled these lines:

“Oh Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted on us; remember the fruits we have brought forth, thanks to this suffering — our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this. And when they come to judgment, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.”

Love covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8), and will give you the grace and power to just let things pass, to forgive others as you know that you yourself need to be forgiven.

If you’ll just forget yourself and think more about others, and really try to help and pray for and love them, you’ll find that will solve almost all of your problems! If you get your mind off yourself and on others you’ll find that this is what will bring you true joy and happiness. That’s the formula for finding joy: Put Jesus first, then others, and then you!—J-O-Y!

First of all, get your mind on Jesus, and then He’ll help you get it on to your neighbor, and help you love him as yourself.

—David Brandt Berg.

Be not disturbed at not being understood; be disturbed rather at not being understanding.
— Ancient Chinese proverb

The faults of others are like headlights on an approaching automobile: They only seem more glaring than our own.

Forgiven sinners know love and show love.