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## **The Effect Of Hatred**

By Sarah G. Schumacher -- (Age 18)

There will always be people in our life that we dislike. They may have annoying habits or, perhaps, have mistreated you. How does the Bible teach that we should treat our enemies?

Romans 12:19-20 says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine; I will repay,' saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

We should never feel like it is our place to get back at someone. Because it *never* is. The Lord will deal with those who have mistreated us. And the truth is: any punishment we can come up with would pale in comparison to God's vengeance. He will settle things for you.

Instead, we should focus on treating them how we would want to be treated, and showing them the love that we have been shown by God. A quote by C. S. Lewis says, "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

When we feel like someone has hurt us so much we can't go on, we need to step back and realize that no one could have hurt us as much as we have hurt Jesus. And He *still* died for us.

1 John 4:20 says, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

We can't be right with God if we harbor hatred. When our minds are consumed with schemes to get back at someone or just plain resent towards them, we are not honoring God or doing His will. And if we can't even love our brothers, what does that show about our respect for God's commandment to love? If we love Him, we will want to keep those commandments.

(All Scripture taken from the KJV Bible version.)

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# Building Up Or Tearing Down?

By Talia R. Michel -- (Age 15)

"I am a great believer in not pushing each other's 'buttons,' just because we know where they are! That's part of trusting each other. We need to trust that our vulnerabilities and challenges are safe with the people we love."

- Cathy Burnham Martin

It can be very easy to push each other's buttons, especially if we know what they are. With family and friends especially, you know how to make them feel embarrassed, irritated, frustrated, etc.

But you also know how to make them feel empowered, joyful, or cared for. And, believe it or not, it makes *you* feel good when you lift someone up.

Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

Lifting someone up has multiple effects: it can strengthen relationships and build trust. If you know their love language (which makes it easier), words of affirmation (compliments) go a long way; maybe tell them they look nice today; and with quality time, spending time with them -- whether it's just talking, or even going somewhere -- makes a big difference.

Try building someone up, and watch it brighten their day.

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