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TEACHING:

Love Your Enemies

by Mike Flynn

In Luke's Gospel Jesus speaks words to us that are particularly pointed in these days of great conflict in the mainline denominations, in the world scene, in the business world. Here they are:

"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 mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." --6:27-36

It is clear in scripture that there will be both reward and punishment for believers and unbelievers alike. Three times here Jesus asks "what credit is

that to you?" He anticipates that credit or virtue or reward will be allocated to those who please the Father.

And what is it that will please the Father? One thing is loving one's enemies. And if you're inclined to disregard that injunction, He sticks this difficult question to you a few verses later:

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord, and do not do what I say?' v. 46. There doesn't seem to be any room for us to reply, "but Lord..."

In case we can't be very creative about obeying Him, He spells it out:

- love them
- do good to those who hate you
- bless those who curse you
- pray for those who mistreat you
- turn the other cheek
- give to them
- lend to them
- then He repeats: love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.
- be merciful

In these days of persons and groupings in the church suing others for property that those others have paid for, there are plenty of enemies to find.

In these days of increasing disconnect between Republicans and Democrats, there are plenty of enemies to find.

In these days of heightened conflict between Muslims and Christians, there are plenty of enemies to find.

When some are defaming the gospel by

declaring that homosexuality is part of God's plan for some, there is occasion to find targets for your love.

It seems that the conservative wing of the church has tried everything else; why not try love? From the pulpit at Bill Love's consecration I challenged his diocese to "love the hell out of the liberals---because that's the only way the hell gets out." Lately it has been impressed upon me in my prayer times that we need to do this promptly.

St. Paul gives us this encouragement in I Cor 13: "love never fails." The Greek here is helpful. "Love" is *agape*, God's love. "Never" is four negative syllables (*oude pote*) compounded into a word meaning "not never at no time no how." "Fails" (*piptei*) is a word meaning to decline from one level to another. Put into comprehensive English this verse says: Godly love not never at no time no how fails to achieve 100% of its purposes. We need to take action in order to see if that is true.

So: how about getting together with some other like-minded and like-hearted people to pray and plan how

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Oct. 22-23	Diocese of Toronto	Prayer Conference: God Yearning to Hear	tonyday@ sympatico.com
Nov. 5-7	Minneapolis MN	More Love More Power	betsylee@ prayerventures.org

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to love your enemies? For example, if you've been to Cursillo, you might seek ways to do palanca attacks (see my *Inner Healing*, pp. 198-199). If you haven't been to Cursillo just think of sneak attacks of love. Whose feet could you wash? Who could you serve by meeting their need? To whom might you send a greeting card? Who will you pray for? To whom might you apologize for something you said or did that offended them? Who might you forgive for hurting you?

Your thoughts will tell you that this is stupid, that your enemies will get off Scot free. But I tell you, friend, that if you love with Godly love, you will free the gloriously able One to work on those you love. And He knows how to bless/change them.

One of the benefits resulting from loving enemies is that you get freer and freer, more and more healthy. As you love on enemies, God swings into work to heal your emotional wounds and self-image issues so that you end up being more and more well.

One last advice: love starts in the will and from there it flows into the emotions. Just do it willfully before you feel it; afterward you will feel it indeed.

Note: I offer the following article, not as a denial that God wants to heal our wounds, but as a tool to deal with wounds until healing occurs.

"The Adventure of Adversity"

*from Touching the Invisible by
Norman Grubb, Christian Literature
Crusade, 1940*

Another of the great principles of victorious Christian service which God has been teaching us in our Head-quarter meetings is the true method of facing, handling and using for good all forms of adversity, all experiences of what we call evil—shocks, suffering, difficulty, disasters, unjust treatments.

The first key, put in a sentence, has been this: that our 'evils' are never the happenings in themselves but the effect we allow them to have on us. No matter whether objectively an experience is apparently good or evil; subjectively, to the one who fears and doubts, all is evil; to the one who trusts, all is good.

The supreme example of this is Calvary. At Gethsemane, at the entrance to the darkest valley ever trodden by man, the Saviour faced the most devilish of outward experiences, but dissolved their evil effects upon Himself by an inward attitude of faith which declared them to be good. He rejected the temptation to regard them as evil, when He said, 'Not My will'. He declared all that was coming to be inherently good, when He said, 'Thy will be done'. His predominant thoughts and words during His last hours with

His disciples were of fullness of joy, of cheerfulness, of a peace unknown to the world, of glory present and future. When the author of evil was mentioned, He dismissed him with the mere passing reference, 'The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me'. Note the preposition 'in'. Satan could make a fierce enough attack upon His outward frame, but faith made it impossible for him to touch the true man within. To all appearances Calvary was totally evil, and the Scriptures themselves say that Calvary was Satan-engineered; but Peter later confirmed his Master's attitude by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, when he declared that He had been delivered unto death 'by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God'. So then the believer also can say, 'All that happens to me, no matter how evil in itself, I declare as good to me, and nothing evil'.

But the adventure of adversity goes deeper than this. When seen in its true perspective, it is found to be the doorway into God's most transcendent secret—that adversities and sufferings, which in their origin are the effects of sin and instruments of the devil, in the grasp of faith become redemptive. They are transfigured from the realm of merely something to be endured as an opposition of Satan, to something to be used to conquer their author and redeem his victims. Faith in time of adversity makes the serpent swallow itself! Once again the supreme proof of this is that when Satan made his fiercest attack in history on the person of Christ, God used that attack, through the faith and endurance of the Sufferer, to bring about the world's salvation. God uses evil to bring about good—not causing it, but using it.

The consequence of a clear grasp of this fact, that Satan and all evil circumstances in our lives are God's most useful instruments for the fulfillment of His purposes, is obvious. All attacks of Satan are seen to be our blessings. We 'count them all joy'. We 'rejoice in tribulation'. We use them as special opportunities to see the manifestation of God's power, instead of merely enduring them with a struggle as 'judgments' or 'tests'. This truth, indeed transmutes into strength one of the

weakest joints in the armour of God's people, a tendency to look upon trials and adversities merely as means by which God satisfies Himself as to our fidelity; instead of realizing that sufferings are the fulfillment of an inevitable law in the working out of God's purposes, and that the most highly honoured and trusted of His servants are those who are counted worthy to 'fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ for His body's sake'.

The truth is that by no other way than by Christ's sufferings could a fallen world return to God. In the first Adam and his seed there was a dying to God and a rising to sin. In the last Adam and His seed there must be a dying to sin and a rising to God. Christ the Captain of our salvation was made perfect as a Saviour through sufferings. Faith transformed the contradiction of sinners into the means of their salvation. We follow in His steps, not to gain our salvation which is His free gift, but by transmuting our trials into victories of faith we co-operate with the Great Victor in bringing His victory to a defeated and enslaved world.



Thus to Christ's followers, who glimpse the glorious purpose and triumph in and through evils and sufferings, the acceptance and endurance of them becomes an adventure of faith. Thus and thus alone does the Christian warrior laugh the laugh of faith. If God's gifts are our blessings, and the devil's assaults are also our blessings, what remains to harm or depress us? If good is good, and evil is equally good to the enlightened, then a realm of life is entered where we rejoice always, in everything give thanks, and in all things are more than conquerors.

Bits of Feedback

Dear Rev. Flynn

Re: Appreciation for commitment to serve the Church of Uganda

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I have written this letter to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued commitment to equip the ministers in Church of Uganda, particularly in the area of Healing and deliverance. When you came to us most recently in November 2009 you trained a total of 450 clergy and laity from all over the province. Thank you very much. I trust that what the Lord has started to do in empowering our church with His gifts, He will bring to perfection. Please join me in my prayer for this ministry to reach all the grass root churches in the province. Also pray for next year's follow-up training in this very vital ministry. Please pass on my greetings to your wife Sue and all your family. I wish you a joyful Christmas celebration and a happy New Year in 2010.

In the Lord's service,

+Henry Orombi

Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi
Archbishop, Church of Uganda

fr. flynn---

thank-you so much for giving so liberally of your time, talent, gifts, and wisdom at our healing weekend here in los alamos. this was life changing for me. don't know yet how it will look, but this was a major life event for me. God be praised! i look forward to studying this material once you send it.

Again, thanks so much for your dedication to the Lord.

love in Christ, Jean S.

[from a New Wineskins team member to the others:] Bless you all dear warriors –What an honor and privilege to not only meet each of you but to ministry with you as well. I have many things I could share but two stand out ... one elderly gentleman I prayed with after Power Evangelism said he has recently been diagnosed with "old man's diabetes" and was really burdened with this; he had tried the diet thing and is now taking medication to control it – the Lord led me to rebuke the attack on

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 his body ... he crumbled into my arms and told me he felt the Lord had removed the attack!! The second was a time of prayer with an older priest who walked with a cane – he has had multiple radical back surgeries (pins, screws, plates – all still in place); while I anointed him and prayed for his freedom the Holy Spirit was “moving” things around – I actually felt the hardware move ... he straightened up and walked away weeping Friday evening anointing - Saturday evening anointing – the times of prayer after and during each session – the breakout of laughter – the gallons of tears – the many healings we saw – the many more we did not see but happened ... and most of all, His presence to fill up this (my) leaky bucket!!! Praise the Lord! I am utterly humbled and feel His presence as I type this – the enemy is on the defense and has tried many times to attack!
 In Christ Jesus
 Ron P.
 Psalm 50:3

Mike, thank you for the wonderful weekend. The people were very animated and we had a wonderful time of prayer and ministry yesterday. I went to lunch at a friend of ours who received prayer and she said she was healed instantly when she received prayer. Wow. The church was very excited. Thanks be to God.

Brandon

Thank you for your great inspiration at the Bloomington MN conference. My husband and I were both amazed. Thank you also for praying for my rheumatoid arthritis - I am free!! Praise God!!!

--Sue R.

Dear Fr. Mike --
 Just a note to thank you and the folks at Camarillo Vineyard for the conference this weekend. I was in need of both equipping and impartation and I received something from the Lord from each session I was able to attend. Thank you especially for your segment on praying for the chronically ill. The Spirit has continued to move at St. James in spite of all our issues, praise the Lord, and is especially moving

in the area of prayer, soaking prayer and praying for the sick. We've seen some marvelous healings and want to get to the point where it's an unusual week when we don't see someone healed. What God has already done is my “cloud the size of a man's hand,” (1Kings 18) and I'm praying for more, more, more. Thanks for all you have poured into us Anglicans over the years! We are still living into what you have taught and imparted.

Blessings from the brothers and sisters at St. James. All for the Kingdom,
 Cathie Y+

Why We're Stopping Snail Mail



Each time we send out a hard copy of this newsletter the cost amounts to about \$3000. That's \$12,000 per year. We have been willing to pay that in the past in order to fulfill the goal to “get the word out,” which is my passion.

But as the Board met and assessed our situation we felt that the Lord was guiding us to take advantage of the cyber world and only send email copies in the future. Hence, this is the last printed copy. But we may well go to an every-other-month schedule with email versions.

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OUR DAILY PRAYERS:

By the Rt. Rev. W.J. Carey, D.D.

Late Bishop of Bloemfontein

[This prayer is written in the conviction that we say our prayers the wrong way round; that we approach the Eternal Father direct, ignoring that it is the Holy Spirit Who binds and knits us to the Son, and that only in the Son do we properly approach the Father.

This is the Way of Revelation.

This prayer is thus primarily concerned with the right line of approach; the words in which it is expressed are written, with humility, as mere suggestions.

Such prayers should be said slowly; or brooded over; or thought and felt; and the time taken should not be less than ten minutes--part of our daily morning gift to God of our time, which should include reading of the Gospels.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Cor 13.14.]

O HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD---

Come into my heart and fill me:

I open the windows of my soul to let Thee in.

I surrender my whole life to Thee:

Come and possess me, fill me with light and truth.

I offer to Thee the one thing I really possess:

My capacity for being filled by Thee.

Of myself I am an unprofitable servant,

An empty vessel.

Fill me so that I may live the life of the Spirit,

The life of Truth and Goodness; the life of Beauty

and Love, the life of Wisdom and Strength.

And guide me today in all things:

Guide me to the people I should meet or help;

To the circumstances in which I can best serve God,

Whether by my action, or by my sufferings.

But, above all, make Christ to be formed in me,

That I may dethrone self in my heart
And make Him King.

Bind and cement me to Christ by all Thy ways known and unknown:

By holy thoughts, and unseen graces, and sacramental ties,

So that He is in me, and I in Him, today, and for ever.

O JESUS, MY LORD AND MASTER---

I bless and praise Thee because I am in Thee:

I realize that my life is now included in Thine:

I am part of Thee: bound to Thee by the Spirit.

It is no longer I that live to myself,
My life is hid with Thee, and in Thee.

Do Thou speak through me, act through me,

Work through me, suffer in me, die in me,

Rise again in me, and ascend to the Father in me:

Because thou art in me, and I in Thee.

I remember all Thou has done for me:

Thy Birth, Thy work, Thy weariness,

Thy love, Thy scourging, Thy Cross and Death,

Thy Resurrection, Thy glory, and Thy salvation offered:

Thy gift of the Church as Thy mystical Body.

For all this I humbly thank Thee, and give to Thee

My worship, my loyalty, my love, my service.

But, above all, I pray Thee, bring me to the Father

that in Thee--the Way--

I may approach Him, and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

For the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

O FATHER, LOVING AND ETERNAL---

In Christ I worship Thee

Together with the whole Church, His mystical Body.

I praise, adore, and worship Thee, in Him.

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.

In the worship, the love, the obedience

Which Thy dear Son (in the name and nature of man),

offered, and offers to Thee, I would have my part;

Because, by the power of the Spirit, I am in Him.

By the sacrifice of His Cross I ask for my

forgiveness and for the forgiveness of the world.

And for all that Thou hast done for Thy Creation

I thank Thee; and for Thy blessings to me and all mankind.

And I pray Thee to bless us, and use us, day by day;

To bless me, and Thy Church, and all men,

And all I love.

And for Christ's sake forgive us all:

Our treacheries and weaknesses; our apathy and neglect;

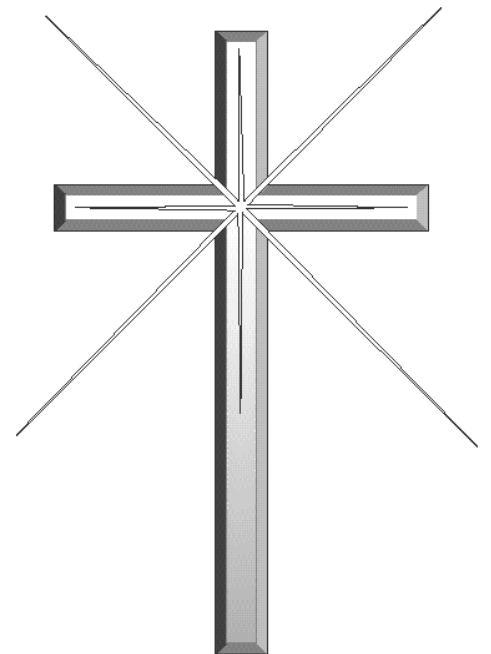
our lusts and hardness; our coldness to others.

All we remember of evil done, all we cannot remember,

forgive, for Christ's sake.

Amen.

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