



Making Enemies

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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"The only way to succeed is to make people hate you."
—Josef Von Sternberg

"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."
—Oscar Wilde

"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"
—Abraham Lincoln

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people."
—G.K. Chesterton

Psalm 110:1 (NKJV)

1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

Paul and Demetrius

Acts 19:24-27 (NLT)

24 It began with Demetrius, a silversmith who had a large business manufacturing silver shrines of the Greek goddess Artemis. He kept many craftsmen busy. 25 He called them together, along with others employed in similar trades, and addressed them as follows: "Gentlemen, you know that our wealth comes from this business. 26 But as you have seen and heard, this man Paul has persuaded many people that handmade gods aren't really gods at all. And he's done this not only here in Ephesus but throughout the entire province! 27 Of course, I'm not just talking about the loss of public respect for our business. I'm also concerned that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will lose its influence and that Artemis—this magnificent goddess worshiped throughout the province of Asia and all around the world—will be robbed of her great prestige!"

This false deity reveals several things:

1. People want their physical and pleasurable needs met.
2. Diana offered refuge.
3. The temple was a storehouse of treasures from around the world.

1. _____ DOESN'T RULE
Genesis 11 and the Tower of Babel

2. FAILURE'S TWO _____

Acts 5:39 (NLT)

39 But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!"

3. TRUTH CAN'T BE _____ WITH

Romans 3:4 (NKJV)

"...let God be true but every man a liar..."

KEY APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- How has the gospel altered your life?
- How has your thinking changed post-Christ?
- What is different about your finances?
- What idols have you smashed?
- What materials have you burned?
- What relationships have you sacrificed?
- Who have you made angry?

ANSWERS:

- 1. MAJORITY
- 2. LESSONS
- 3. BARGAINED