

Think About It Thursday!

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48 NIV)

This may very well be the most difficult thing that Christ asks us to do...pray for people who have hurt or are currently hurting us. And for me it is not the pain someone might inflict upon me...but on those I love the most...my children or grandchildren. But as Joseph learned, the harm that others may intend to inflict upon us, God may very well turn to our good, and will use it to accomplish His wonderful and perfect will...His plan that is without flaws. After all, isn't that what happened at the cross? Jesus prayed for His enemies and even asked His Father to forgive them, and then what man meant for evil, God took for our salvation. Are there people who seem to be against you today...enemies in your path? Or maybe just people who get under your skin or seem to make your world more difficult by their actions in your life. Try praying for them...and praying for your attitude toward them. From experience.... I can tell you it helps. Who do you need to pray for today?