



DEALING WITH...
DIFFICULT PEOPLE

AM I PERSECUTED?

“THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE, BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES OF CHALLENGE AND CONTROVERSY.”

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The Human Freedom Index

Rank	Freedom rank change (2018–2019)	Country/Territory	Personal freedom
1	0	Switzerland	9.56
2	0	New Zealand	9.33
3	0	Denmark	9.56
4	▲1	Estonia	9.48
5	▲1	Ireland	9.40
6	0	Finland	9.52
6	▲3	Canada	9.40
8	▼4	Australia	9.30
9	▼1	Sweden	9.63
10	0	Luxembourg	9.48

Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am **persecuted** whenever I am **contradicted**.

LOVE IN OPPOSITION

14 Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.

IS THIS SCALABLE SINCE WE DON'T EXPERIENCE TRUE PERSECUTION?

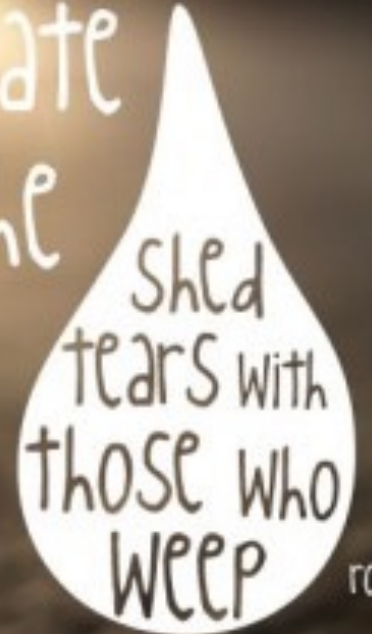
- ***persecute*** - (G1377) To make one run away, to harass, trouble, molest, mistreat.
- ***bless*** – (G2127) To cause to prosper, to make happy, favor.

**LOVE IS NOT "IF"
OR "BECAUSE".
LOVE IS "ANYWAY"
AND "EVEN
THOUGH" AND "IN
SPITE OF".**

LIVE IN HARMONY



celebrate
with the
joyful



romans 12:15

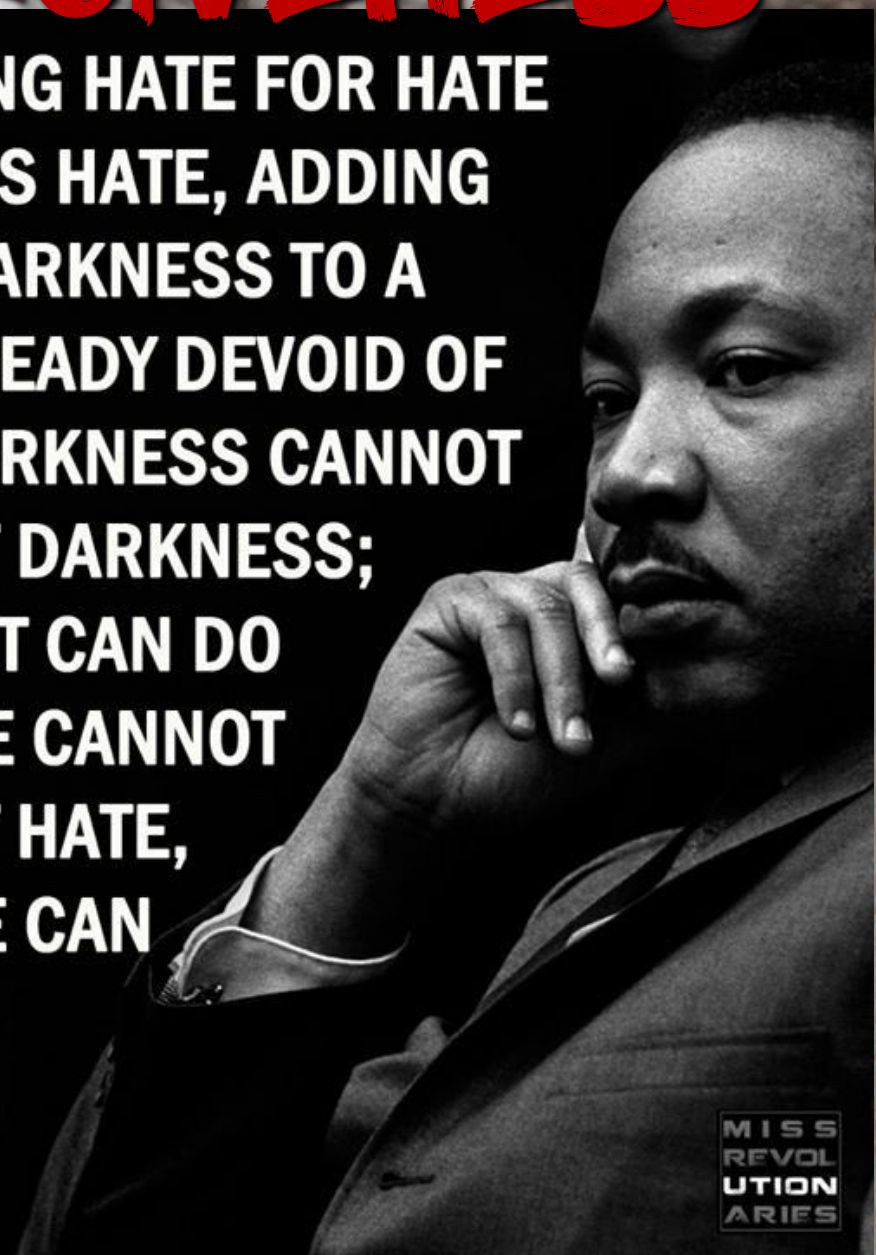
“Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all!”

ESCALATION VS. FORGIVENESS



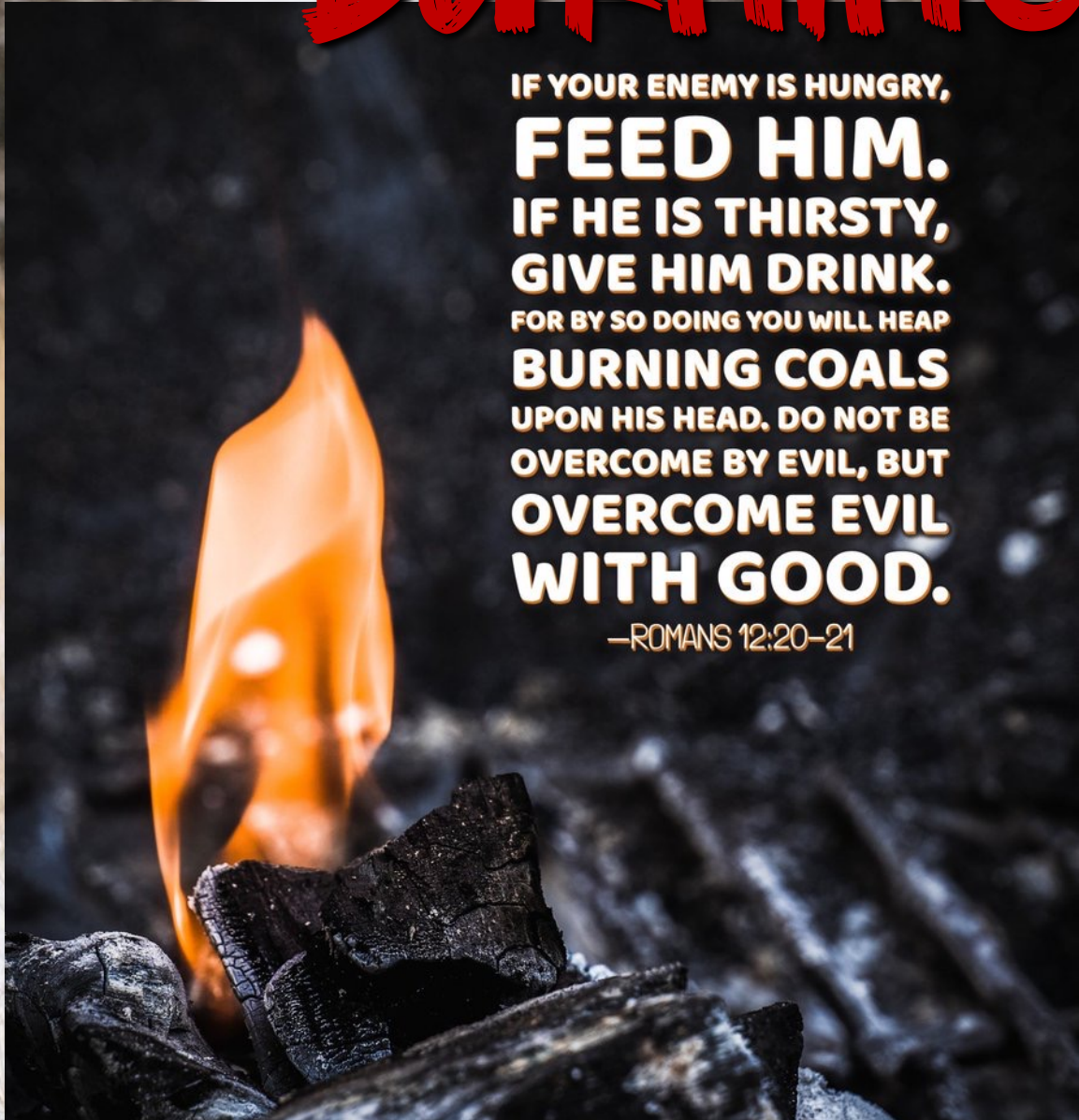
**“RETURNING HATE FOR HATE
MULTIPLIES HATE, ADDING
DEEPER DARKNESS TO A
NIGHT ALREADY DEVOID OF
STARS. DARKNESS CANNOT
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
DRIVE OUT HATE,
ONLY LOVE CAN
DO THAT.”**

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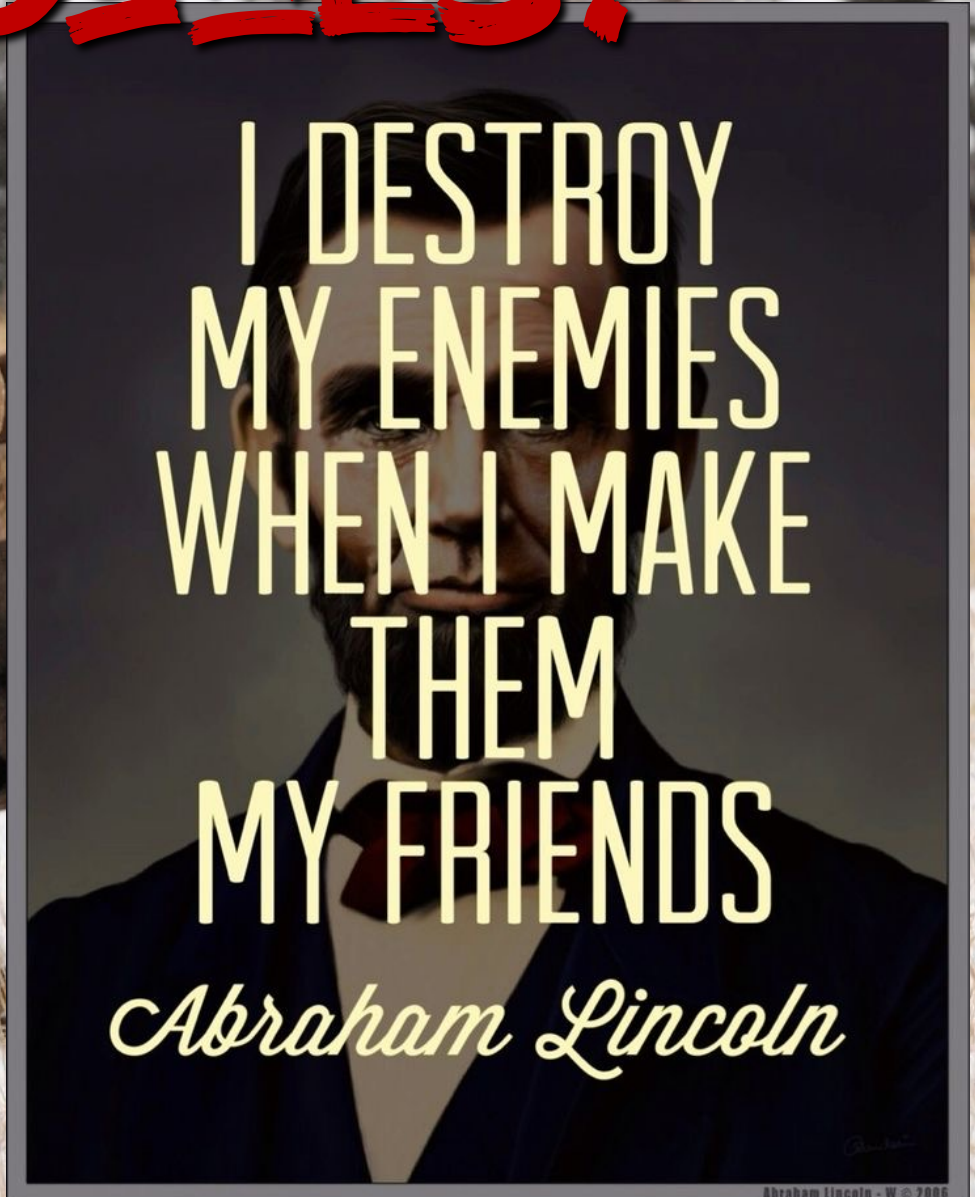
**MISS
REVOL
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ARIES**

BURNING COALS?



IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY,
FEED HIM.
IF HE IS THIRSTY,
GIVE HIM DRINK.
FOR BY SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP
BURNING COALS
UPON HIS HEAD. DO NOT BE
OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT
OVERCOME EVIL
WITH GOOD.

—ROMANS 12:20-21

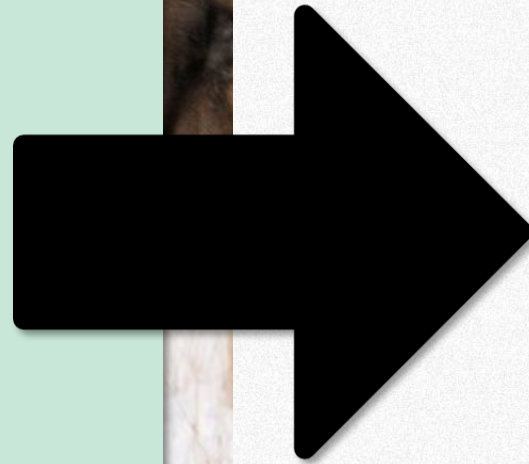


I DESTROY
MY ENEMIES
WHEN I MAKE
THEM
MY FRIENDS

Abraham Lincoln

CONQUER EVIL

DO NO
HARM



DO
GOOD
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