

KINGDOM ENEMIES

John 11:45-53

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Kingdom citizens are unique individuals. They do not attract the types of enemies that you will deem to be common. Common enemies are people who are jealous of your successes and achievements.

Kingdom citizens are not excluded from inheriting these types of enemies. However, they do not attract them. Enemies you inherit and enemies you attract are different. Inherent enemies attach themselves to what you possess.

These types of enemies do not try to stop what you are doing. They try to take what you have. As long as you are prosperous you will inherit enemies as a Kingdom citizen.

However, the enemies you **ATTRACT** want to discourage and destroy your **PURPOSE**. This is entirely different from someone who wants to take what you have.

THE ENEMIES OF KINGDOM CITIZENS

The enemies of Kingdom citizens are **RELIGIOUS PEOPLE**. Religious people are individuals who hate change, yet **LOVE** tradition. They love familiarity, yet **DESPISE** transformation. They gravitate to what is routine, yet **REJECT** what is innovative.

Religious people have a spirit of stagnation. Kingdom citizens are revolutionary thinkers. They are movers and shakers. They are difference makers. They are change agents. Religious people hate individuals who **DISRUPT** their culture.

Religious people do not always reside in church. They are everywhere! They're at your jobs, in your family, at your

schools, in the courtrooms, etc. Religion is a **SPiRiT**. It travels wherever there's **COMPLACENCY**.

THE ENEMIES OF KING JESUS

King Jesus greatest enemy was not the devil. It was the Pharisees and Sadducees, religious people. These people hated Jesus. They wanted to do everything in their power to destroy Jesus because of many reasons.

Jesus questioned their belief system. He disrupted their culture. He made them doubt their own philosophy. He changed the minds of their followers. He de-valued Their way of living. He discredited their entire way of thinking.

John 11:45-53 says, "Many of the people, who had come to visit Mary and saw what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. Then the leading priests and Pharisees called a meeting of the council.

They asked, "What should we do? This man is doing many miracles. If we let him continue doing these things, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away our Temple and our nation."

One of the men there was Caiaphas, the high priest that year. He said, "You people know nothing! You don't realize that it is better for one man to die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed." Caiaphas did not think of this himself.

As high priest that year, he was really prophesying that Jesus would die for their nation and for God's scattered children to bring them all together and make them one. That day they started planning to kill Jesus."

As Kingdom citizens our greatest opposition will come from those who **DESPISE** change. Traditionalist come in all shapes, sizes and ages. This does not only apply to older people. It applies to anyone who is **REJECT'S** progress, development and transformation.

KEEP GOING!

When King Jesus was being opposed by the religious leaders of His day He did not let them stop Him. He did not allow their evil plans to scare Him. He did not change nor adjust His purpose to accommodate their philosophy. He **KEPT DOING** what His Heavenly Father created Him to do.

Sometimes the criticism, lies and negative words can discourage your efforts in establishing righteousness. Despite the attack, **KEEP GOING!** Remember, this is the objective of religious people. They want to **STOP** transformation and **DELAY** growth.

The race is not given to the strongest, wisest, richest, fastest and smartest but to the one who **ENDURES** to the end. Despite the attacks King Jesus suffered through He stayed the course till the **END**. His victory came **THROUGH** His endurance.

Kingdom citizens, finish your race! Ignore the criticism.
Reject the lies. Brush off the negativity and **KEEP GOING**.
Every enemy that comes against you will be defeated
when you continue on the path of righteousness!

The Apostle Paul said this in 2nd Timothy 4:7, says " I
have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have
kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will
award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all
who have longed for his appearing."

Kingdom citizen, **FINISH YOUR RACE!**

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