

**Psalm 55:12-14 (NLT2)**

*It is not an enemy who taunts me—I could bear that. It is not my foes who so arrogantly insult me—I could have hidden from them. Instead, it is you—my equal, my companion and close friend. What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God.*

Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, but that did not stop Jesus from going to the cross to die for the world. If Jesus focused on the hurt that Judas Iscariot caused Him, He never would have died for the world, and the world would have gone to hell, including the 11 who were with Jesus in the garden when one of them (the 12) was betraying Jesus.

Yet, how many times does someone say or do something to hurt us, and it causes us to rethink everything to the point of even giving up. We tend to focus on the one who hurt us, instead of all the others who are there for us. Even on social media, you can have a million likes on a post, but if just one person has something negative to say about us, we focus on the negativity, and not those who agree or like what we said or posted.

Are you really that concerned with what others think or say about you? If someone has derogatory remarks or they say bad or mean things about you, why would you want to impress them by allowing them to consume your thoughts? You have now given control of your mind and your life to that evil person, because they are molding you into the image of what they want you to be, which is the furthest things from what God wants you to be.

Maybe it's not someone coming against you, but you are coming against others or a specific person. I know there are times I have posted a scripture or something that the Lord had given me, and someone, usually another Christian (*Instead, it is you—my equal, my companion and close friend.*), will come along and take the entire thing out of context, and twist the words to what they want it to be, not what scripture is saying or what the Lord has spoken to me to share with others.

These are arrogant people who only want to look good in the eyes of others and will walk all over anyone that they can to “appear” to look holier than thou.

† **Job 32:3 (NLT2)** *He was also angry with Job's three friends, for they made God appear to be wrong by their inability to answer Job's arguments.*

Paul even says that: “*And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.*” 1 Corinthians 8:11-12

Those who do such things need to take heart to this next Proverb, but then again, I think we all need to, because in our wanting to be right, sometimes we hurt those who are closest to us (***What good fellowship we once enjoyed as we walked together to the house of God.***).

† **Proverbs 17:28** *Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.*

† **Proverbs 29:11** *A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back.*