

## Friendly Fire

Friendly fire is an attack by a military force on friendly forces while attempting to attack the enemy, either by misidentifying the target as hostile, or due to errors or inaccuracy. We must attack the devil, who is our enemy, in these last days - not our brothers and sisters in Christ! Satan loves it when we do his dirty work for him. Let us look at Satan's M.O. (Mode of Operation).

**Revelation 12:9-10 KJV** And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. [10] And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Notice he is the accuser of our brethren. If the devil can get the Church to accuse each other, he will destroy us. Now it is really easy to find somebody to blame for anything. We all wear flesh; and we will, at times, do something out of our flesh that is wrong. The Church has the job to forgive and forget. However, if a brother or sister continues to live a life against the will of God, the Church is not obligated to continue to keep company with them; but we are obligated to forgive them, even if they don't repent. Remember on the cross Jesus asked His Father to forgive those who were crucifying Him, because 'they don't know what they are doing'.

We must not be used by the devil to accuse our brothers and sisters. Remember friendly fire kills. If we let the devil use our mouth, he can hurt and kill. When someone who is our brother or sister does something that is against the Bible, we are to pray for them. If God would have us talk to them, it would be in love, not in a condemning way.

**Ephesians 4:15 KJV** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

**Matthew 7:1-5 AMP** DO NOT judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves. [2] For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you use to deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you. [3] Why do you stare from without at the very small particle that is in your brother's eye but do not become aware of and consider the beam of timber that is in your own eye? [4] Or how can you say to your brother, Let me get the tiny particle out of your eye, when there is the beam of timber in your own eye? [5] You hypocrite, first get the beam of timber out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the tiny particle out of your brother's eye.

The Message Bible says the same verses this way [1-5] "Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults---unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let

me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face, and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.

We need each other! These are the last days, and God will use us in a powerful way to destroy the works of the devil. Don't let the devil trick you into thinking that your brother or sister is the enemy. The devil is our enemy.

Love you,  
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