

Matt 6:14-15 (If we Forgive others, Our Father in Heaven Will Forgive us)

14 For if ye Forgive men their trespasses (faults, errors, transgressions and sins), **your Heavenly Father will also Forgive you:**

15 But if ye Forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father Forgive your trespasses (faults, errors, transgressions and sins);

Matt 18:21-22 Mark 11:25-26 Luke 17:3-4 (How often should we Forgive?)

21 Then came Peter to Him, and said, Lord, how often shall my Brother (or sister) **sin against me, and I Forgive him** (or her)? **till seven times?**

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven (490 times);

Eph 4:32 (Be Kind, Tenderhearted and Forgiving to one another)

32 And be ye kind (gracious) **one to another, tenderhearted** (sympathetic), **Forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath Forgiven you.**

MENDING FENCES BY REPENTING MENDING is a two way street!

Luke 17:3 (Both you and your adversary need to Repent; but you go first!)

3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy Brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he Repent (feels compunction for guilt & thinks differently), **forgive him.**

Rev 3:3 (Jesus said to Watch and Repent or He may come before you do it!)

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast (watch), **and Repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch** (be vigilant, **I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.**

2 Peter 3:9 (The Lord is not late; He is Coming Soon, but wants none to perish)

9 The Lord is not slack (slow or delayed) **concerning his promise, as some men count slackness** (tardiness); **but is longsuffering** (patient) **to us-ward, Not willing that any should perish, but that All should come to Repentance.**

CONCLUSION MENDING FENCES takes Self-Control and Unconditional Love! Is it difficult? Yes! But with God All things are possible! (Matt 19:26)

Matt 5:39-45 (Control yourself when provoked. Do not return evil for evil)

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil (an evil person): **but whosoever shall smite** (slap) **thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.**

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat (shirt), **let him have thy cloke** (thy outer garment) **also.**

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain (two);

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee...

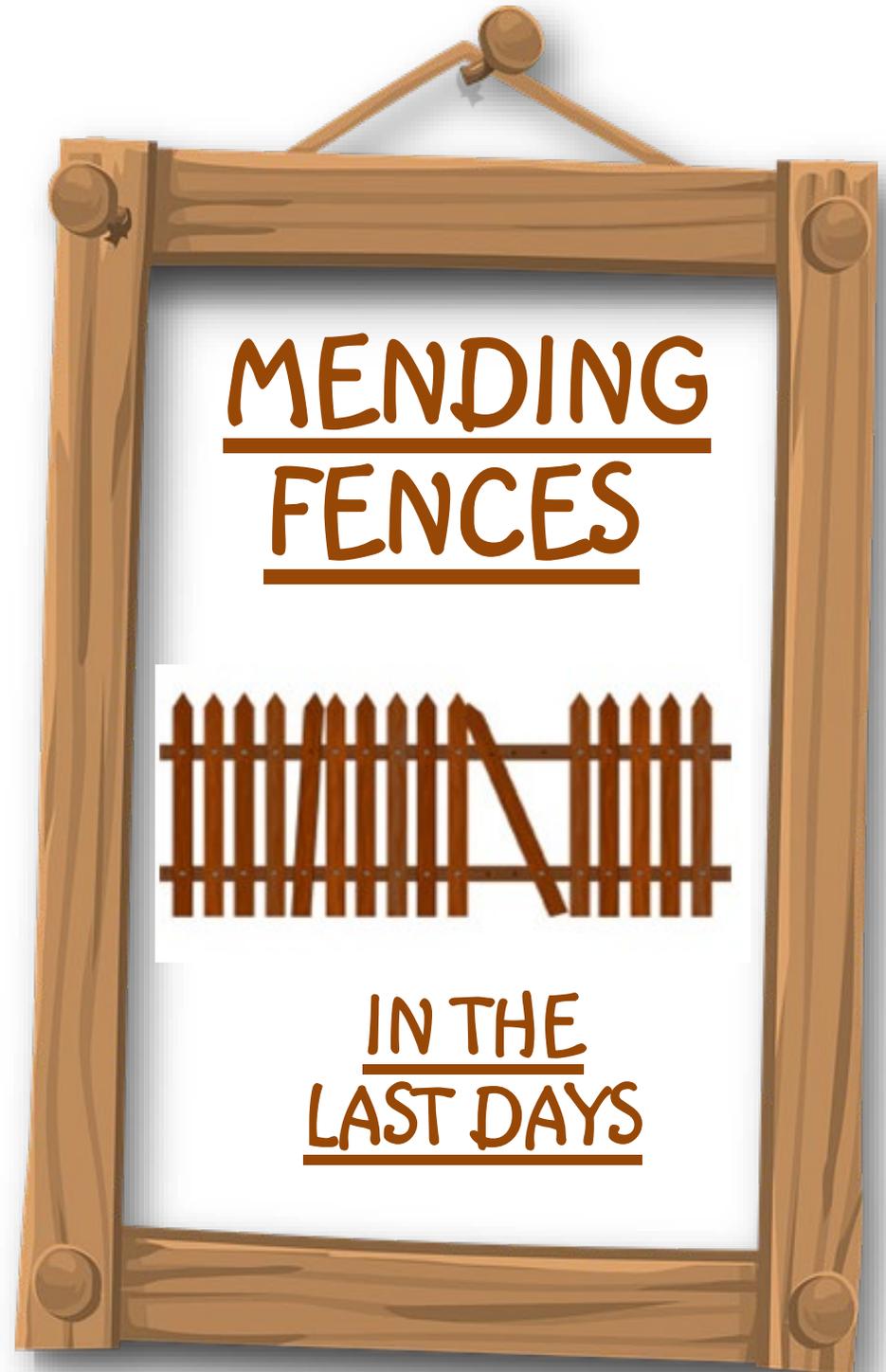
43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt Love thy Neighbour, and hate thine enemy (adversary);

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies (adversaries), **bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

45 That ye may be the Children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

AMEN!

TIMOTHY II



MENDING FENCES

God is saying to us in these Last Days that it is time to come together and to MEND OUR BROKEN FENCES! These BROKEN FENCES may be with our Family, Friends, Neighbors, Brethren, Politicians, Unbelievers, etc. No matter who it is with, let the MENDING begin with us! It may take time for the MENDING to become mutual, but Never Give Up! Start now and MEND YOUR FENCES before the Soon Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Thess 2:19)

THE DICTIONARY STATES To MEND means to free from faults or defects; to make AMENDS; to set right; to put into good shape or working order; to patch up; to improve a relationship. It is used chiefly in the phrase "TO MEND FENCES". It can also mean rehabilitating of a deteriorated Political relationship!

MENDING OUR OWN FENCES We need to MEND our own FENCES!
Jer 7:3 7:5-7 Jer 26:13 35:15 (Then we can MEND FENCES with others!)
3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, AMEND your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place (the Lord's House).
5 For if ye thoroughly AMEND your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment (justice) **between a man** (a person) **and his neighbour;**
6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt;
7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place (the Lord's House), **in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever.**

MENDING FENCES WITHIN THE FAMILY The following are some causes and answers for MENDING FENCES in the Family; especially with those involving the Husband, Wife, Parents, Children, Sibling Rivalries, and Kinfolk!
Prov 19:26 1:8 6:20 10:1 15:20 30:11 (MENDING must be through Love!)
26 He that wasteth (oppresses) **his Father, and chaseth away** (drives away) **his Mother, is a Son** (or daughter) **that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.**
Prov 29:15 Prov 29:17 (Neglecting the Lord's discipline can lead to dissention)
15 The rod (a stick for punishment) **and reproof** (correction) **give wisdom: but a Child left to himself bringeth his Mother to shame** (disappointment).
Matt 10:37 (To MEND within the Family takes Love, but Love Jesus More!)
37 He that loveth Father or Mother more than Me (Jesus) **is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth Son or Daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**
Matt 12:50 (We must also do the Will of our Father which is in Heaven)
50 For whosoever shall do the Will of My Father which is in Heaven, the same is my Brother, and Sister, and Mother.

MENDING FENCES WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS The Sins we commit against our Friends and Neighbors require our MENDING of FENCES!
Prov 3:27-31 (Withhold not good, nor devise evil, against Friends or Neighbors)
27 Withhold not good (good things) **from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power** (might, strength or ability) **of thine hand to do it.**
28 Say not unto thy Neighbour, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will

give; when thou hast it by thee (when you have it with you now).
29 Devise not evil against thy Neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.
Prov 16:28 (Avoid all strife or slander or you may even lose your Best Friends)
28 A froward (perverse) **man soweth strife** (quarreling, brawling, or discord); **and a whisperer** (talebearer or slanderer) **separateth Chief Friends.**
Prov 18:24 (In order to have any Friends, you need to be Friendly yourself)
24 A man that hath Friends must shew himself Friendly: and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a Brother. (Jesus is our example)
Prov 27:9-10 (MENDING FENCES by a Friend's Hearty Counsel is sweet)
9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's Friend by hearty counsel (heartfelt advice).
10 Thine own Friend, and thy Father's Friend, forsake not (refuse not); **neither go into thy Brother's house in the day of thy calamity** (misfortune); **for better is a Neighbour that is near than a Brother far off.**

MENDING FENCES WITH THE BRETHREN We need to MEND FENCES with all our Brethren, as we are One Body in Christ. (Rom 12:5)
Matt 5:22-24 (If you or a Brother are angry or called names; be reconciled)
22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his Brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:... but whosoever shall say, Thou fool (dull, stupid, blockhead, shut up) **, shall be in danger of hell fire** (Gehenna).
23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift (offering) **to the altar, and there rememberest that thy Brother hath ought against thee;**
24 Leave there thy gift (offering) **before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled** (conciliated) **to thy Brother, and then come and offer thy gift.**
James 2:15-16 (MEND FENCES with those you could have helped but didn't)
15 If a Brother or Sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,
16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them NOT those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit (what good is it)?

MENDING FENCES BY RESTORING MENDING by Restoring means to bring back into existence or renew one's past relationships!
Luke 19:8 (Zacchaeus restored quadruple for anything mistakenly taken falsely)
8 Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I Restore him fourfold.
Gal 6:1
1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault (error, sin, or offence), **ye which are Spiritual, Restore** (Mend, repair or adjust) **such an one in the spirit of meekness** (humility); **considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted** (tested).

MENDING FENCES BY FORGIVING MENDING FENCES by Forgiving means to free or pardon others; allowing room for weakness or error!
Matt 6:12 Luke 11:4 (Pray to the Father to Forgive us as we Forgive others)
12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (those indebted to us).