"Interventions"



One Who is Truly Spiritually Wise (a)



Love for our enemies, as taught by Christ, is the highest form of love. It is of course very difficult, but it is not impossible or unfeasible. By the Grace of God, many people have achieved it—especially the Saints of the Church, but also simple Christians.

Below are some very edifying practical counsels from the "Field Flowers" of St. Paisius Velich-

kovsky to help us in our struggle.

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If you wish not to grow angry against someone who offends you, you should diligently, from your whole heart, pray for him to God and give him some kind of gift or a small consolation.

Approach him when you see that he has come to himself from his anger, and speak about being forgiven your sin, find out the reason for his anger, and show him yet greater love.

To everyone speak of him as one who is good. Nothing so brings a person to contrition and humility as this. And nothing will so arouse anger in him as reproaching him as an offender, reupulsing him, and speaking evil of him, because the person who listens to you might tell him about it. This is a great evil, and spiritual people are also afffected by this passion.

Such a one who endeavors to save not only himself but also his neighbor is in truth a wise and perfect sturggler.

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