

Smoothing Out Problems with the Neighbor

Whenever we come to a situation where there is someone that we just don't like (even if we feel justified), the Lord tells us that it is hurtful for us to do evil to that person. Here is an activity that might help us to see the person differently or at least to refrain from hurting the person in thought, word, or deed.

Process:

1. Think of a person and the grievance that you have toward this person.
2. On a small piece of paper (such as a 3"x 5" note card), write the person's name.
3. Say a prayer asking the Lord to open your eyes and show you this person's uses, or some good things this person does, or even some good qualities within this person.
4. Going back to the piece of paper with the person's name on it, start listing what the Lord shows you about this person.
5. Now flip the paper over and on the other side write some things that you can do or say that would be kind, true and useful to or about this person.
6. Pray for the Lord's guidance in this relationship.
7. If you think it would be useful, pray for the ability to speak to the person about your relationship; then coming from a place of love, do it.