

to Elisha, the king of Syria paid absolutely no attention to this and tried to capture Elisha. Like all worldly people his interest was in his ~~own~~ own advantage and in his own pleasure. If somebody gave him some help, he was glad indeed to give them a reward for their help. Having given that he was through with them. ~~Any~~ thought of gratitude does not seem to have existed a few years later or even just a few days later. I think it is very wise for any Christian to take the attitude that when you do a kindness to anyone, Christian or not Christian, that you are doing it as to the Lord. Whatever reward you receive for it, you will receive from the Lord even if the other person is a Christian. Don't be too much surprised if you don't find them showing much gratitude. If you find it to their interest very definitely to push you out of the way if the person is a non-Christian, don't be the least bit surprised if they do so, but rather expect it. Even if it is a Christian occasionally such a thing will happen. All men are wicked in this age; even the Christian is not fully sanctified. The non-Christian no matter how kind and pleasant and gentle he appears outwardly, underneath there is a heart that is deceitful and desperately wicked above all things. If it is to his advantage to hurt you, do not be surprised if he does that. Put your trust in the Lord and the Lord alone. The Scripture says, "Trust not in princes" and don't trust to the ~~gratitude~~ gratitude of *end of 74.*

in some line of business and who has been taking a very friendly attitude toward me and I told him about something I was trying to get from some other person and "Oh," he said, "Isn't that awful. He should have given that to you much cheaper than that. You should say such and such, and such and such. You should do such and such. If you did it this way, then you would get what you want from him. And so on." He takes such an attitude of helping me and advise as to how I should deal with the other person, ~~but~~ that he seems like the best of friends, and then it ~~happens~~ happens that I want something that he has. I turn to him and make the suggestion of receiving something of a favor from him which is perhaps half as