



COALS OF FIRE UPON THE HEAD!

Romans 12:20 *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

Firstly there is no revenge or vindictiveness involved in this action. This saying originates from Eastern culture in a village setting. One woman would have the flint and the responsibility of starting the village fires. She would rise first and start her fire and then a boy would carry the red-hot coals to the other houses of the village so that their fires could be started. He would carry the hot coals on a pottery tray on his head.

This was mostly an unpleasant task for the lad but it had its blessing especially on a cold morning! The above verse is an extension of the admonition ... *Bless them who curse you; pray for them that despitefully use you* (Luke 6:28).

If you heap coals of fire on his head you may warm him up some and cause a change of his heart and mind which **will lead him to putting away his disagreeable ways** . . . a manifestation of the carnal mind's thinking which is at enmity with God.

Check your motivation when adding load to a servant of God! §