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DON'T BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU

Madge Wallace hated Harry Truman.

Well, it was said she didn't care much for anyone in Independence, Missouri but she seemed to really have it in for Harry. To her, he was just a "filthy farm boy."

Harry lost his farm and failed at two businesses before he finally found his place in politics. That wasn't good enough in the eyes of Madge. As a senator, she criticized him, as vice president she mocked him. Even when he became president due to Roosevelt's death, she complained to those around her.

When Truman fired MacArthur, she ranted: "Imagine a captain from the National Guard telling off a West Point general! When Truman ran against Governor Thomas Dewey in 1948, Madge stood firmly behind his opponent. "Why would Harry run against that nice Mr. Dewey?" she wondered aloud, "I know many men better qualified to be in Mr. Truman's place.

What made her attitude even worse: Harry was supporting Madge, and she was living in his home. Why would Harry do that for his biggest critic?

Well, Madge Wallace was Harry Truman's mother-in-law!

The people closest to us can sometimes be our biggest detractors. Those that should support us are the ones that can nip at our heels the most. It might be that way in our families, but it should never be that way to our church family!

Jude says grumbling and fault finding are ungodly ways (Jude 15-16).

Paul tells us that we are to encourage and build up one another (1st Thessalonians 5:11), not tear each other down (Ephesians 4:29). Jesus warns us not to unfairly judge our brother (John 7:24). Scorn, ridicule, and backbiting are not to be the ways of a Christian.

If you can't say anything nice, the problem might be you!



