

How Many Are My Foes!

A Measure of Maturity =
ADAPTATION

- news of a new “crisis”
- realization that a former “friend” is now a foe

O LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!
(Psalm 3:1)

FRIENDS (which may turn against me!)

- individuals
 - government/justice system
 - physical body
 - cultural norms
 - money
- etc., etc., etc.

In addition to the crisis itself is
the added element of skepticism
which OFTEN comes against a
Christian who is known to depend
upon God (vs. 2)

WHY?

Skepticism and mocking are expressions of spiritual blindness and (Satanic) deception. Unbelievers often feel threatened by the profession and practice of Christian godliness.

LET IT GO!

It cannot hurt you

“shield”

God protects me

“glory”

God honors me!

“lifting of head”

God encourages me!

UPWARD > prayer (4)

INWARD > peace (5)

Forward > confidence (6)