

Love Your Enemies!



Luke 6:27-38

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27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.”

Luke 6:30-32

30 “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.”

Luke 6:33-34

33 “And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.”

Luke 6:35-36

35 “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Luke 6:37-38

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

“It is not that the Christian ideal has
been tried and found wanting.
Instead it has been found difficult
and left untried.” (G.K. Chesterton)

“It is not the stuff in the Scripture that I don’t understand that bothers me. It is the stuff in Scripture that I understand very well and don’t do that tends to bother me.”

“Jesus, who is my enemy?”

“Do good” is far more than “do not respond harshly” or “do not retaliate.” Doing good requires creativity, intentionality, and effort.

To bless someone means to speak life
over them, to invoke the very
blessing of God into the life of
another.

We called to pray for our enemy's good,
for heart change and conviction, for
divine intervention in their story, for their
deliverance from the evil that binds them,
that they might be washed clean, made
new, and flourish in all that God created
them to do.

We love our enemies because of
whose we are.

We love our enemies because love of
enemy is integral to the gospel.

We love our enemies because Jesus declares it will be to our benefit and credit.

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Lord, what action would you have
me take as I seek to hear your words
and do them?

The enemy warning light flashes...

- Protect!
- Defend!
- Rebuke!
- Withdraw!

The enemy warning light flashes...

- Embrace!
- Pray!
- Bless!
- Do good!
- Love!