

The Gospel of Luke Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36

Suggested Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

1. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Proactive** (vs.27-28, 31)
 - A. Love Expressed in Your **Attitude** (v.27a)

The love that a Christian feels for an enemy cannot be based on emotion. Love for our enemies is what Jesus Christ commands. Love for our enemies is what the Christian must strive to obey.
 - B. Love Expressed in Your **Actions** (v.27b)

In contrast to the hateful attitude and actions directed at the Christian, the Christian is be characterized by doing those that which benefits their enemies.
 - C. Love Expressed in Your **Pronouncements** (v.28a)

The mind of the Christian is to be so concerned for his enemy so as to repay their curses hurled at you with calling for God's blessings to come upon them (cf. Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60).
 - D. Love Expressed in Your **Prayers** (v.28b)

Similar to calling for God's blessing, the Christian is to offer genuine prayers to the Lord for the specific benefit of the person mistreating him.
2. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Reactive** (vs.29-30)
 - A. **Repeated** Love When You Are Insulted (v.29a)

A Christian is to respond to an enemy's insult because of the cause of Christ by continuing faithfulness to Christ. This continuing faithfulness will setup yet more opportunities to be insulted (cf. Isa 50:6; Matt 5:39).
 - B. **Resilient** Love When Robbed (v.29b, 30b)

Christians are to be repeatedly willing to let go of possessions stolen from them without seeking revenge.
 - C. **Ready** Love When You Are Asked (v.30a)

Because he is concerned with his ultimate good, a Christian is to respond in generous kindness when an enemy asks for something from him.
3. A Disciple's Standard of Love is to be **Reflective** (v.31)

The golden rule is the essence and fulfillment of God's commands for how men are to treat one another (Matt 7:12).
4. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Distinctive** (vs.31-34)
5. A Disciple's Love of Enemies is to be **Comprehensive** (vs.35-36)