

Luke 6:27-42

Love for Enemies

²⁷ “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

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 and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

³⁹ He also told them this parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

⁴¹ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

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1. Why do people often call revenge “sweet?”
2. What different kinds of mistreatment did Jesus refer to in his commands? (6:28-30)
3. Do you think Jesus meant for us to apply Verses 6:29-30 literally in all situations? If not, what is his point? (6:31, 36)
4. What does it mean to “bless those that curse you?” (6:28)
5. About what three positive actions did Jesus ask, “What credit is that to you?” (6:32-34) Did he mean that you shouldn’t do these things?
6. Which of Jesus’ commands do you think goes most against human nature? Do you think it is unrealistic to show the kind of love that Jesus describes?
7. When is forgiveness most difficult to give?
8. How does the expression “What goes around comes around” apply in personal relationships?
9. When Jesus says, “do not judge” in Verse 6:37, does that mean that we should not discern right from wrong? Is he implying that we are not capable of judging?
10. To what kind of giving did Jesus refer when he said, “Give and it will be given to you?” What does God give to those who give? (6:38)
11. What kind of blindness did Jesus have in mind when he spoke of the blind leading the blind? Why did he discourage the blind from attempting to lead others who were blind? (6:39)
12. What is the main point of the parable of the plank and the sawdust? (6:41-42)
13. What is required of a person before he can instruct or teach someone else?
14. What shortcomings in ourselves do we tend to overlook? Why?