

Enemy Love Luke 6:27-38

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Enemy Love marks us as followers of Jesus.

Who are your enemies?

Those far away and those close at hand.

What is Enemy Love?

1. *Do good to those who hate you.*
2. *Bless those who curse you.*
3. *Pray for those who mistreat you.*

Our enemies are defined as those who hate us, curse us and mistreat us.

Jesus does not appeal to our emotions but to our will.

Real-life examples of Enemy Love:

1. *If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also.*

This is about being _____.

2. *If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic.*

This is about going way beyond what's _____ or _____.

3. *Give to everyone who asks you.*

This is about an attitude of _____.

4. If anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

This is about unmerited grace instead of _____.

Jesus sums it up with the Golden Rule: *Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

Why should we love our enemies?

If we don't, we're no different than the rest of the unbelieving world.

There is a reward.

Because this is how God treats his enemies.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Rom. 5:8,10

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. Luke 23:34

How do we love our enemies?

Not _____ or _____ but _____.

With great intentionality.

Invite God into the process.

Don't judge and don't condemn.

Forgive and give.

Stop putting on the judge's robe and picking up the gavel. That's not our job.

The distinguishing characteristic of being a follower of Jesus is not judgment but love.

Things to Think About:

Think about one or two of your enemies. Ask God to help you love them. Be intentional in blessing them and praying for them.

How easy it is for you to say 'yes' when someone asks you for something? Why is that?

In what kinds of situations (or with what kinds of people) do you put on the judge's robe? Have you asked for God's help to stop judging others?
