

Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36

I. Do good to those who hate you.

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you” (Luke 6:27 NKJV)

“To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back.” (Luke 6:29-30 NKJV)

“In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous.”

(1 John 3:10-12 NKJV)

II. Bless those who curse you.

“Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.”
(Luke 6:28 NKJV)

“But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.” (James 3:8-10 NKJV)

III. Pray for those who spitefully use you.

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(Luke 6:28 NKJV)*

“There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.’ And they divided His garments and cast lots.” (Luke 23:32-34 NKJV)

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