

Come and Take It: Enemy-Love

LUKE 6:27-36

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How to imitate God as true sons and daughters by loving your enemies:

1. **Respond** to the **Gospel Demand** for Supernatural Love (27-31).
2. **Rejoice** in the **Gospel Delight** of Supernatural Love (32-35a).
3. **Reflect** the **Gospel Design** of Supernatural Love (35b-36).

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“But, I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To the 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. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from the one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 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. 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. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Who would you identify as an enemy in your life? Why?
2. How should Jesus' demand in Luke 6:27 to love, do good and give to your enemies transform the way that you think about and act toward that person?
3. In what ways does the parable of the prodigal son teach us to delight in the gospel reward of supernatural love?
4. This week, how can you reflect the gospel design of supernatural love? What are some steps that you can take this week to love your enemies, do good to them, give to them without expecting anything in return, so that they glimpse the love of God, come to know him, worship him and serve him as their Savior and King?
5. Read and memorize Ephesians 5:1-2 this week, as you love your enemies, imitating God and modeling to the lost world his great love for them!

Quote for the Week. . .

by Augustine of Hippo

"What is perfection in love? Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers...For so did He love, Who hanging on a Cross said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"