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Scripture Luke 6:27-36

27 But to you who are listening I say: 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 slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 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 children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

For Further Reading:

Matthew 5:38-43, Romans 12:20, Matthew 7:12, Romans 8:14, James 2:13

Questions for Discussion and Reflection

1. What good can Jesus do through me for my enemy?
2. What words of blessing can Jesus speak through me to my enemy?
3. What prayers would Jesus have me pray for my enemy?

Prayer Prompts

- Help me treat my enemies the way I would want to be treated.
- Don't let me be content with only loving those who love me.
- Show me how to live as a child of yours with a heart full of mercy for those who oppose me.

If I am listening and following Jesus closely I can...

- Do _____ to those who hate me
- _____ those who curse me
- _____ for those who mistreat me