

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"All You Need Is Love"
Luke 6:27-38
Study-23

Luke 6:27 love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Leviticus 19:17-18

This Passage Can Be Discouraging
This Passage Is Also Encouraging

Verses 20-26 Circumstances - Beatitudes
Verses 27-38 People – God's Love
Verses 39-45 Self - Evaluation
Verses 46-49 God – Doing His Will

Thought Of Our Passage: "Jesus Demands Us As Disciples, To Love The Unlovable Because Jesus Intends To Love Through Us."

- 1. Verses 27-31 Love Demanded**
- 2. Verses 32-38 Love Explained**

1. Verses 27-31 Love Demanded

Luke 6:27 "But I say to you who hear,
Introductory statement to get the audience to listen! **Luke 6:47**
Context - Jesus prayed all night and then chose 12 apostles.
Luke 6:12-13

Luke 6:17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place;
(Sermon On The Level)

love your enemies,
Jesus left off with the disciples being persecuted. **Luke 6:22-23,26**

Christians are the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world"
(Matthew 5:13-16)

How should a disciple respond to their enemies?
(Jesus Gives 4 Commands)

- 1. Love Your Enemies: love your enemies,**
Hatred only breeds more hatred, **(NIV) "James 1:20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (Galatians 5:22-23)**

Love – There were 4 Greek words for love: **Phileo** – “friendship love.”
Eros – “erotic love” or **Storgee** – “natural affection.”

Love – Agape, which is the highest love known to man. “It is a deliberate love, rooted in the will, a love by choice; It is a deep, continuous, growing, ever-renewing activity of the will superintended by the Holy Spirit.”

“I will love this person because, by God's grace, I choose to love this person.”

Romans 5:5

love your enemies,

This is impossible apart from a new nature. The Holy Spirit must empower us to love the unlovable.

Remember: “When God asks us to do the impossible, God is planning to accomplish it.”

**Enemies can come in different forms: It could be a spouse.
A Co-worker – A Neighbor**

What does Jesus mean by “loving them”? It takes real action.

- 2. Unnatural Deeds: do good (*Continue Doing Good*) to those who hate you,**

**When our actions are there, soon to follow will be the feelings.
If you wait for feelings, the actions will never come.**

Luke 6:28

- 3. Unnatural Words: bless those (*Continue Blessing, Those Who Continue Cursing*) “to speak pleasantly or kindly to” who curse you,
Proverbs 17:27-28; Acts 7:59-60**

- 4. Unnatural Prayers: pray for those (*Continue Praying*) who mistreat you.**

Luke 23:34

Prayer has a way of changing both the enemy and the disciple.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Verses 29-31 Unconventional Love: We must not look at these admonitions as a series of rules to be obeyed. They describe an attitude of heart that expresses itself positively when others are

negative and generously when others are selfish, all to the glory of God.

Luke 6:29

Patience: (How much will we put up with?) "Whoever hits
This term **hits** – "to strike and leave a mark" **you on the cheek,** "the
jawbone" **offer him the other also;** (*Continue Giving The Other Jaw*)

The way of the world is to return the evil 10 times - Matthew 5:38-39

Generosity: (How much will we give?) and whoever takes away
your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.
Continue Taking Up His Cloak,

Matthew 5:40-41

We need to see this as an opportunity to be different from the world.

Luke 6:30

Charity: (How far will we go?) "Give to everyone who asks of you,
(Greek, "keep on giving") **Matthew 5:42**

"Money seems to expose true Christianity."

Augustine remarks, "**give to everyone that asks, but not everything he asks.**"

1 John 3:17-18

and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

Luke 6:31 "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.
Matthew 7:12

It was always negative form "What you would not want others to do to you, do not to them!" (Jesus changed it to positive do to others what you would like done to you!)

2. Verses 32-38 Love Explained

Luke 6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Jesus is speaking to disciples. He is speaking of a supernatural love.

Luke 6:33 "If you do good to those who do good to you,

It is easy to practice acts of kindness to those that we like.

Luke 6:34 "If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, Banks and loan companies will lend money with the hope of collecting interest.

Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; This means *not despairing, not giving up!*

(1) and your reward will be great,
Good and faithful servant **Luke 22:29-30**

(2) and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.
Loving unconditionally is behaving like God's children.

Luke 6:36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
To be merciful means *"to forgive when it is in our power to avenge."*
Bridge statement to **Verses – 37-39**

(Do Not Judge, Do Not Condemn), (Positive Forgive; Give):
Luke 6:37

"Do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn,
We are not to judge with the purpose to find fault. We are not to judge to make ourselves look better. **John 7:24**

Luke 6:38 "Give, (To Others) and it will be given to you;
(God Will Give To Us)

They will pour into your lap. Ruth 3:15

a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. When someone purchased a quart of grain, they would want to get as much as possible, so they would want it pressed down and shaken to get the full amount.

For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." What standard are we as disciples going to follow?

Application:

1. Through God's Love, I Will Love This Person Because By God's Grace, I Choose To Love This Person.
2. God's Unconventional Love Is An Attitude Of Heart That Expresses Itself Positively When Others Are Negative. Generously When Others Are Selfish, All To The Glory Of God.