

Which way are you leaning?

Mt 5.43-48 & Luke 6.27-31 February 3, 2019



Mt 5.43-48: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your

enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 6.27-31: “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

I. Do

1. Own (plank removal) Mt 7.4, Luke 6.42: **First** take the plank out of your eye, and **then** you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

2. Confess

3. Seek Mt 5.23-24: If you are offering your gifts at the altar and there remember that your brother has something

against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First** go and be reconciled to your brother; **then** come and offer your gift.



App 1:

II. Bless ...Bless those who curse you...

1. In person
2. Out person



III. Pray ...pray for those who mistreat / persecute you...



Romans 12.19-20: “Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord...(v20): “...If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

IV. Be Be perfect / merciful, just as your Father is...

1. Forgive Mt 6.14-15: For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
2. No record 1 Cor 13.5: “Love...keeps no record of wrongs.”
3. Give benefit of the doubt
4. Lean in

