

Love Your Enemies, Even Your Spouse Luke 6:27-38 (page 596 or 737)

Main Truth

We respond to the brokenness of others, in the same way that God responded to our brokenness.

Structure Thoughts

²⁷But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To 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. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And 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. ³⁵But 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. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Passages on Godly Judgment: Matthew 7:1-2, 6; Luke 11:42-44; John 7:42, 51-53; Romans 1:32; 1 Corinthians 5:5, 11-13; Galatians 1:8-9; Philippians 3:2; Titus 3:2; 1 John 4:1

Reflection Question

Are you actively loving the people in your life?