

**Jesus!**  
**“When Others Don’t Love Us”**  
**Luke 6:27-36**

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*Take a closer look at Luke 6:27-36.*

**I. WHEN OTHERS DON’T LOVE US, WE MUST STILL LOVE THEM WITH \_\_\_\_\_ AND ACTIONS. 6:27-31**

1. Jesus commands a \_\_\_\_\_ strategy toward the disciples’ “enemies.”
2. Jesus gives the \_\_\_\_\_ of this active love.
  - A. “Do \_\_\_\_\_ to those who hate you.”
  - B. “\_\_\_\_\_ those who curse you.”
  - C. “\_\_\_\_\_ for those who mistreat you.”
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His own principles in action (vv. 29-30).

**II. WHEN WE LOVE THOSE WHO DON’T LOVE US, WE SHOW THEM A \_\_\_\_\_ SPIRIT.**

1. Loving those who love us is no different from the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Doing \_\_\_\_\_ to those who do good to us is no different.
3. Lending to those who will always \_\_\_\_\_ us is no different.

**III. WHEN WE LOVE THOSE WHO DON’T LOVE US, WE ARE SHOWING THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LIVING GOD.**

1. When we act on these principles, we reap \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
2. When we act on these principles, we show our relationship to our \_\_\_\_\_ Father in heaven.

***Take it home (applications)***

**Translation:** <sup>27</sup> But to you<sup>p1</sup> who are listening I say, “Love your<sup>p</sup> enemies; keep doing well to those who hate you<sup>p</sup>; <sup>28</sup> keep blessing those who continue to curse you; keep on praying for those who are mistreating you. <sup>29</sup> To the one who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other, and from the one who takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt also. <sup>30</sup> To all who ask you<sup>2</sup>, give, and from the one who takes away your things do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup> And just as you<sup>p</sup> desire that people should do for you<sup>p</sup>, keep doing likewise for them. <sup>32</sup> And if you<sup>p</sup> keep on loving those that are loving you<sup>p</sup>, what kind of grace is that with reference to you<sup>p</sup>? For even those “sinners” keep on loving those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you<sup>p</sup> keep on doing good to those who do good to you<sup>p</sup>, what kind of grace is that to you<sup>p</sup>? Even “the sinners” keep doing the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you<sup>p</sup> should lend from whom you<sup>p</sup> hope to receive, what kind of grace is that to you<sup>p</sup>? Even “sinners” lend to “sinners” in order that they may receive back the same things. <sup>35</sup> Instead, you<sup>p</sup> all must keep on loving your<sup>p</sup> enemies and do good and lend expecting nothing in return; and your<sup>p</sup> reward will be great, and you<sup>p</sup> will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and evil. <sup>36</sup> You<sup>p</sup> must become merciful just as your<sup>p</sup> Father is merciful.

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion:**

1. Have you ever been wronged by someone and still had to maintain a relationship with that person—in your work, in your family, in your neighborhood, in your club? As a follower of Jesus, how have you responded to that person?
2. Describe what it means to you to have forgiveness from God solely based on what Jesus has done for you in His death and resurrection? What does this have to do with the issue/person you thought of in question one?

<sup>1</sup> The superscript “p” indicates that the pronoun is plural in the original Greek text.

<sup>2</sup> Note that the pronouns “you” in v. 30 are singular, while all the rest in the paragraph are plural.