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Loving Your Enemies



Part of the 'Growing Together'
Discipleship Stream

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- God is love and we should therefore seek to show love (God) in our daily lives and relationships
- John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- Jesus commanded it so we will do it.
- It will be a sign to those who do not know Jesus that we are following him.



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Ephesians 2

We are now citizens of God's House - Heaven 2:19



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Luke 6:27-36

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

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“But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



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Love Your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-44 - “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies

Love - Agapao

Welcome

Entertain

To be fond of

To Love dearly



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Do Good to those who hate you

Luke 6:27 But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Kalōs – Good

beautifully, finely, excellently, well

rightly, so that there shall be no room for blame,

well, truly, excellently, nobly, commendably

honourably, in honour

to speak well of one, to do good

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Bless those who curse you

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Bless – eulogeō

celebrate with praises

to invoke blessings

to consecrate a thing with solemn prayers

to ask God's blessing on a thing

pray God to bless it to one's use

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spitefully use you and persecute you

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epēreazō

to insult

to treat abusively,

use despitefully

revile

accuse falsely

threaten

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In Summary

Jesus response to people who hate, curse and spitefully use you is

Love – Through welcoming and Entertaining

Do Good – In the most excellent way

Bless – Through celebration and praises

Pray – Offer Prayers To God

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It does not stop there.....

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Jesus keeps going.....

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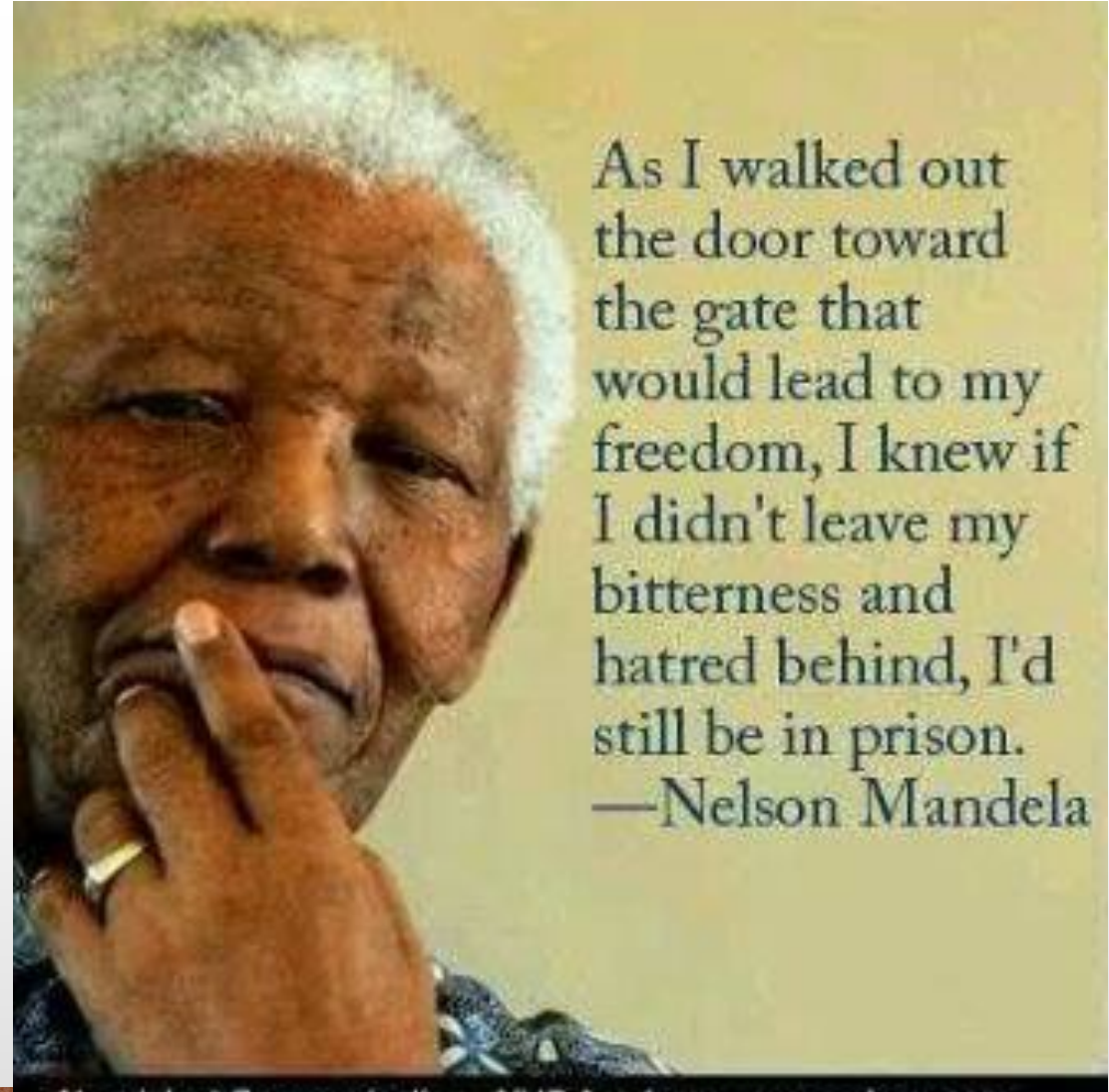
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How Can We Do This?

- The knowledge that we simply cannot do this in our strength
- We need God's spirit within us – The Helper
- The willingness to step into God's grace
- Other around us for prayer and encouragement
- Knowing that our identity is in Christ Jesus
- Knowing that our purpose is in Christ Jesus
- Knowing that our joy is in Christ Jesus
- Knowing that our hope is in Christ Jesus

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Surely There is a Limit

- Jesus is talking about the heart
- The heart then leads onto how we live it out
- There are times when it is right to remove ones self from a situation
- But lets not lower the bar
- Lets raise the bar

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