

**No T's and C's
apply**

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- Love according to Jesus
- Why should we??
- How do we succeed?

Matt 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you,

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Love according to the world

“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

“You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.”

“For if you love those who love you”

“And if you greet only your brothers”

Love according to the world

- Easy-loving
- Familiar phrases:
 - “only if”
 - “he doesn’t, why should I?”
 - “not now”
 - “I have already, not again”

All valid, but all conditional!

Love according to Jesus

“But, I say”

“If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also” = **HURT**

“If anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.” = **POSSESSIONS**

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” = **TIME & EFFORT**

Even if...

Love...*even if* you get hurt
Love...*even if* it cost you something
Love...*even if* it takes time and effort

That is the standard according to the Lord!

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Love and serve...

Without reward
Without condition
Without end

Isn't that too much to ask?

Why should we?

Because God = Selfless love

- We are image bearers for His glory
- 1 John 3:16
“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters”

Why should we?

Salvation & our nation:

- John 13:34-35
“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”

Why should we?

For our own freedom:

- Syrian refugee
- C.H. de Vos: “Compassion. This will make or break our country.”

How do we succeed?

You don't!

- 1 John 4:19
“We love because He first loved us”
- Phil 2:13
“For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.”

How do we succeed?

DNA

- As children of God, we have the DNA of a loving Father
- Phil 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"


