

“...what credit is that to you?”

Luke 6:27–36

📖 Luke 6:27–31 (NIV84) “But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

I. Kingdom living means **loving** those that I'd rather **hate**.

📖 Luke 6:32 (NIV84) “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them.”

📖 John 13:35 (NASB) “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

II. Kingdom living means **doing good to** those that I'd rather **humiliate**.

📖 Luke 6:33 (NIV84) “...if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that.”

📖 Matthew 5:38–41 (NIV84) “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.”

III. Kingdom living means **forgiving** those that I'd rather **asphyxiate**.


📖 Luke 6:34 (NIV84) “...if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full.”

📖 Psalm 37:21 (NIV84) “The wicked borrow and do not repay...”

📖 Romans 13:7–8 (NIV84) “Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.”

📖 Matthew 18:23–35 (NIV84) “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ “The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. ²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ ³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

📖 Luke 6:35–36 (NIV84) “But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

Digging Deeper: Did you **hear** Jesus today? Do your words echo what Jesus said? Do your actions mimic what Jesus did? Do you love unconditionally, do good continually, and forgive freely? Who are you having a hard time forgiving?  Will you pray for those that are elected regardless of who wins? Will you make a difference in this world by living differently? Will you share the Good News with someone this week?