



**Sermons from  
the Gospel  
of Luke**



# **Enemies**

**Luke 6:27-36**

1. Christians love those intent on causing them harm and will do what is good for enemies instead of seeking their own satisfaction or advantage.



The ones who receive  
my love are the ones  
who are against me,  
who are out to cause  
me harm, who can take  
advantage of me.

Jesus' command to  
love assumes I will  
consistently risk being  
engaged intimately  
with my enemies to act  
in their long-term best  
interests.

**When I love my  
enemies, I bring  
about good things for  
them. 6:27**

When I love my  
enemies, I ask God to  
pour His grace and  
goodness upon them  
so they will know Him  
and their lives will be  
transformed. 6:28

When I love my  
enemies, I take them  
with me in spirit into  
the presence of God.

6:28



When I love my  
enemies, I am  
generous in meeting  
their needs even if  
taken advantage of and  
I receive nothing in  
return. 6:30

**Do I love my enemies?  
What can I do today to  
show the love of  
Christ?**

2. Jesus indicates that my enemies deserve to be loved by me in this way because this is how God loves His enemies, including me.



**My love for my  
enemies is not to  
express my affection  
or opinion, but God's  
character.**

When I express God's  
loving kindness to the  
unmerciful and the  
wicked, my blessings  
from God will be great.

I need to move beyond what people deserve, what I think they have earned, and actively do good to them regardless. God will make this kind of love worth it to me in eternity.

**Do I act toward and  
engage with others the  
way Jesus does with me?**