

## The Compassionate Christian

Luke 6:27-36

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### I. Pay Attention-“listen” (v.27)

- 1) *Willing*- quick to act or respond: ready to do something without being persuaded.
- 2) *Warm*- “love your enemies-“ show friendship and affection.

### II. Practice these Actions-“do good, bless, pray” (v.27-31)

- 1) *Sacrificially* give to those who hate you! (v.27)
- 2) *Speak well* of those who curse you! (v.27)
- 3) *Supplicate* for those who hurt you! (v.27)
  - a. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. (v.29)
  - b. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. (v.29)
- 4) Give to anyone who asks! (v.30)
- 5) Don't try to take back what has been taken from you! (v.30)
- 6) **Do to others as you would like them to do to you!** (v. 31)
  - a. Exceed the actions of unbelievers: (v.32-34)

### III. Professing Jesus Christ- “acting as Children of the Most High” (v.35-36)

- 1) Love your enemies! (v.35)
- 2) Do good to them. (v. 35)
- 3) Give to them without expecting to be repaid. (v.35)
  - a. Reward from Dad will be great! (v.35)
  - b. Representing Dad! (v.35)
- 4) You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

### Discussion Questions:

- Why is the real test of agape love, being able to love your enemies? If we fail this test, do we really have agape love?
- Do you see "turning the other cheek" and giving your enemy your tunic as literal, figurative, hyperbole, or what? What is the point Jesus is making here?
- Why is loving your enemy so much like divine love? What is the implication of this for our salvation? For our lifestyle?