

## Insights from Luke

#17: The Institution of a New Law: Love Your Enemies  
Luke 6:27-38

### Leviticus 19:18

“<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.”

### Matthew 22:34-40

“<sup>36</sup> ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ <sup>37</sup> And He said to him, “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

### John 13:18

“<sup>18</sup> I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.’”

### Ruth 2:14a

“<sup>14a</sup> At mealtime Boaz said to her, ‘Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.’”

### Romans 5:6,8,10

“<sup>6</sup> For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ...  
<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ...  
<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

**Luke 6:27-28**

“<sup>27</sup> But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”

**Leviticus 19:18**

“<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.”

1. Unnatural deeds
2. Unnatural words
3. Unnatural prayers

**Luke 6:29-31**

“<sup>29</sup> Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

**Luke 6:34**

“<sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount.”

**Matthew 5:42**

“<sup>42</sup> Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.”

**II Thessalonians 3:10**

“<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.”

**Luke 6:31**

“<sup>31</sup> Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.”

**Greek philosopher Isocrates**

“Do not do to others that which angers you when they do it to you.”

**Confucius**

“Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself.”

**The apocryphal book of Tobit**

“Do that to no man which thou hatest.”

**Rabbi Hillel in summing up the Torah**

“What is hateful to you, do not to your neighbor.”

**Luke 6:32-34**

“<sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount.”

**Luke 6:35-36**

“<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

**Luke 6:36-38**

“<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

**The world has a lot to say about love, but has no understanding of selfless expression without expectation of return.**

**There are four Greek words for love.**

**Eye for eye and tooth for tooth  
is an Old Testament expression  
of God's law given to Israel.  
Jesus has set a new law in place  
for His church.**

**A heart fully pardoned is  
the badge of honor the Christian  
should wear prominently on the  
lapel of every garment.**

**Remember the Gospel**