

- I. Disciples do good to those who wish them evil
- A. We “do the opposite” of those who are against us
- B. We do what we know is good
- II. Disciples don't just deal
- A. The world “gives” according to its rules
- B. Such dealing gains no credit
- III. Disciples do differently because they're Father founded and fully funded
- A. We follow in our Father's footsteps
- B. Our Father richly replenishes our resources
- Matt 11:15; Mark 8:17-18; John 5:24-25; 8:42-43, 47
- Prov 15:1; I Cor 9:19-23; I Sam 25:1-35; Gen 32:1ff; Luke 22:49-51
- Luke 10:30ff
- Matt 6:1-2, 5; 16; I Cor 3:10-15; 4:4-5; Gal 1:10; Rom 2:29; I Thess 2:4b; John 5:41, 44
- Matt 5:43-45; Acts 14:14-17; Ps 116:1-2; Rom 5:8-10
- Rom 10:12; II Cor 8:9; 9:6-11; Eph 1:7; 2:7; 3:8; I Tim 6:17; John 1:16; Matt 10:8

²⁷ "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. ³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. ³⁴ And 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. ³⁵ 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. ³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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2. Who might be considered, in your life, enemies? How could you apply, in practical ways, the commands of Jesus toward those people?
3. Can you give an example of “ministering in the opposite spirit”? (It could be from the Bible or your experience.) How would that look when interacting with a proud person, a greedy one, lustful, angry, lazy?
4. The “golden rule” (see verse 31) is not “do unto others as they want you to do.” (How could that lead to things that are not good?) What is it actually? What makes it a “spiritually good” principle that lines up with other commands to us in Scripture?
5. Does the world love? Does the world do good? (According to Jesus’ words in these verses.) If so, what characterizes those actions that is not of spiritual value?
6. When Jesus repeats “what credit is that to you?”, what kind of credit does He have in view?
7. What example does Jesus give us to follow, in these verses, as to how we should love those who are hostile to us? How will that example be added to, through Jesus, in a little while from when Jesus spoke these words?
8. How can disciples afford to be always giving, loving, doing good and never getting replenished? Wouldn’t a person just run out of resources (money, time, emotional energy, etc.)?
9. What is the word that encompasses this “giving to those who haven’t given to us without expectation of payback”? What would it look like if that virtue were displayed constantly in our families (be as specific as you are able)?

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