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The first command that comes from the mouth of Jesus in the gospel of Luke is perhaps the most difficult command of all: “Love your enemies.”

Christ’s first command...

1. Applies the “Golden Rule”
 - a. Four test conditions
 - b. Four example instances
2. Pursues the Greatest Reward
 - a. Three things that give “no benefit”
 - b. One thing that brings great reward
3. Being a child of the Most High
 - a. A demonstration of your identity
 - b. An attainment of the highest honor Luke 1:32
 - c. The imitation of your merciful Father

Application:

1. Who do you need to start loving, doing good to, blessing, and praying for?
2. Are you a child of the Most High?