

“Love Your Enemies”
Matt. 5:43-48
Part 2

Intro: The heart behind the action

Matt. 5:20; Deut. 10:12-16; Romans 10:1-4

- 6 Illustrations that it is about the heart vs. 21-48

Matt. 5:48; Psalm 51; 1 John 2:3-6

Part 1 Our heart motive:

: The love of God for us

1 John 4:19; Romans 5:5-10; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Luke 7:40-47

- Agape—By choice with passion to act on behalf of someone else for God’s best for them.

The Act vs. 43

Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37-39; Ex. 23:4-5

Proverbs 25:21; Romans 13:9

Gal. 5:14; James 2:8

- Omission

- Addition

- The Answer—divine definition vs. 44a

Eph. 5:1-2; Romans 13:8-11

- Links in the chain to our action of love vs. 44b-48

- Pray for those that persecute you vs. 44b

Luke 23:40; Acts 7:60

Col. 4:3; 1 Tim. 2:1-8

- Demonstrate your sonship vs. 45

Romans 12:17-21; 1 Thess. 5:15

1 Peter 3:9; Matt. 5:16

Matt. 5:9; Luke 6:35

Psalm 145:9-21; Matt. 5:7

- Your love exceeds human standards vs. 46-47

2 Cor. 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:20-24

1 John 4:7-14; Matt. 16:24

- Be like Your heavenly Father vs. 48

Matt. 19:16-26; Lev. 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16

1 Peter 1:17-22; 1 John 3:3; Matt. 5:3

