



Jesus, on how to treat your “enemies” Matthew 5:43-48

1. Don’t hate them, _____ for them. vv. 43-45

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

2. Don’t become bitter, _____ them. Matt. 6:12, 14,15

¹² “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors . . . ¹⁴ For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you **do not** forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Forgiveness is not:

- _____
- _____ the consequences.
- a _____-time event.
- _____
- _____

3. Don’t retaliate, _____ them. vv. 46-48

⁴⁶ “If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ³⁹ But I tell you, **Do not resist an evil person.** If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” Matthew 5:38-41

Next Steps for July 17:

- Memorize Matthew 5:44.
- Read the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 focusing on the hard sayings of Jesus.
- Forgive the person who has wounded you most deeply.
- Sign up to volunteer on Sundays at Oak View.