

Luke 6:27- 36 But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. 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. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. 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. 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. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Hearing

– doing things differently from God’s perspective!

right way up
upside down



I tell you -- the Lord Jesus commands --not just advice!

you who hear me -- this is for everybody

The law of love operating against hatred

The kingdom of God (Christian living) is not a matter of talk but of power.

1 Corinthians 4:20

Motivation

Love of God,

Love for God

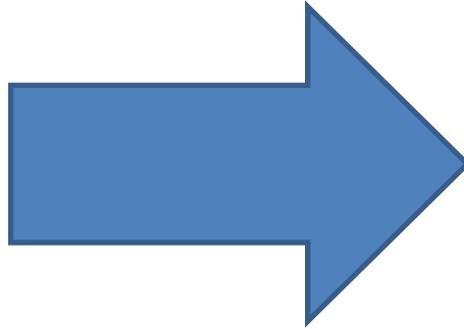
Love for others



The 2 Great Commandments spelled out in actions

Active Response:

love,
do good,
bless,
pray



To whom?

enemies,
hate you,
curse you
ill-treat you

Love is more than a feeling ! 1 Corinthians 13: 1- 8

Don't do nothing – do good (revolutionary) Luke 6:31

Clean mouth – from a clean heart James 3:10-11

Hand them over to God change- stop – remove? Luke 9:5

Blessings in disguise ? - 2 Corinthians 12: 9 - 10

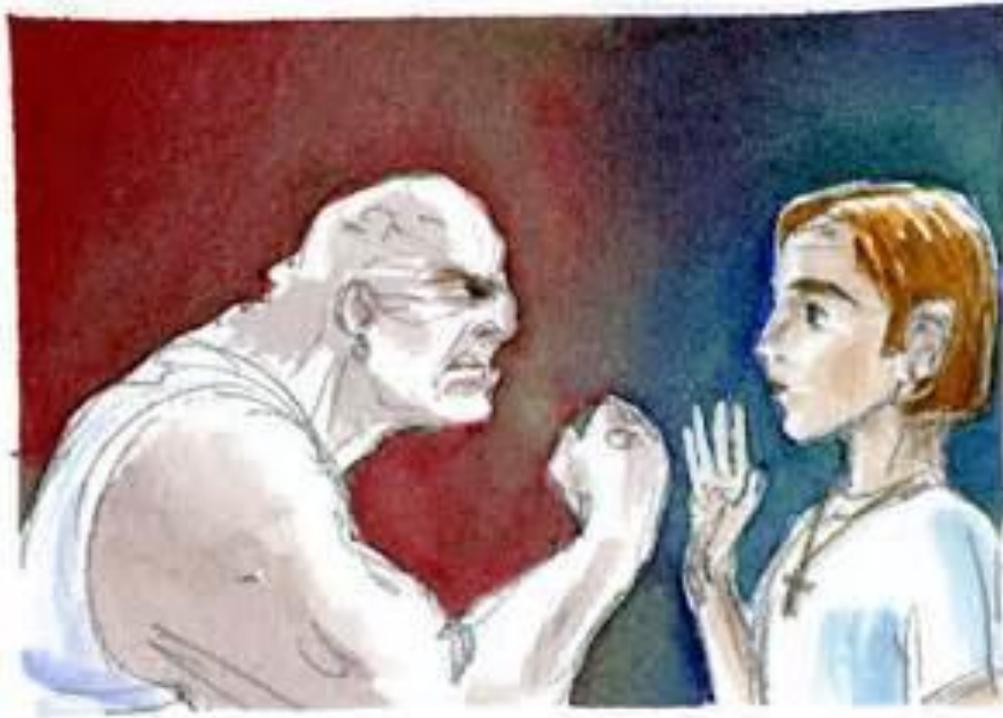
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Passive response:

turn the other cheek,
give your cloak,
give

Trial

struck
robbed
begging



ill-treated



The world says— “Do others before they do you!”

turn the other cheek??, give my cloak???, give ?????

We have the Holy Spirit's help/power to do the impossible

2Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

*Is this practical? Or are we not understanding him correctly.
Is Jesus using hyperbole?
Do you become a doormat?*



Let's look at :-

1, Jesus' example,

2, Disciples' example

3, Instruction from NT letters

1, Jesus' example

John 18: 19 – 23 struck – rebuke

Matthew 26: 67 spat in his face etc.. ,

Luke 23: 34 Father forgive

Love your enemies



2, The Disciple's example,

Love your enemies

Acts 4: 25 - 31 praying for persecutors & themselves

Acts 5: 40 - 42 suffering the consequences – but obedient to God

Acts 16: 37-39 22: 25 using legal process for protection



What about **1 Corinthians 16:22**

3, Instruction from NT letters

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Romans 12: 14 -21

Leave it to God

1 Corinthians 4:12

The apostles living it

Colossians 3:12-14

Bear and forbear

1 Peter 2: 18 -25, 4:12-19

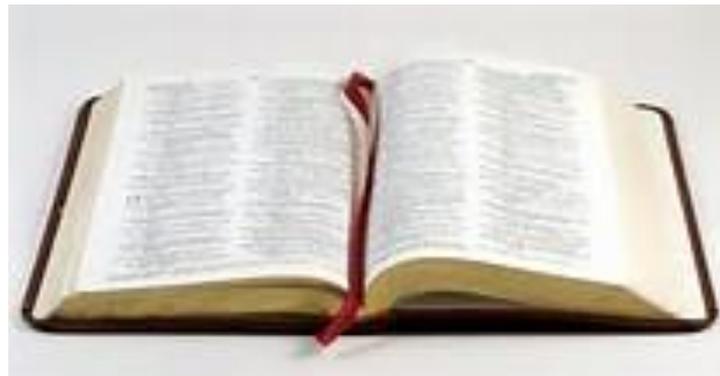
Suffering for Jesus' sake

2 Thessalonians 3: 10

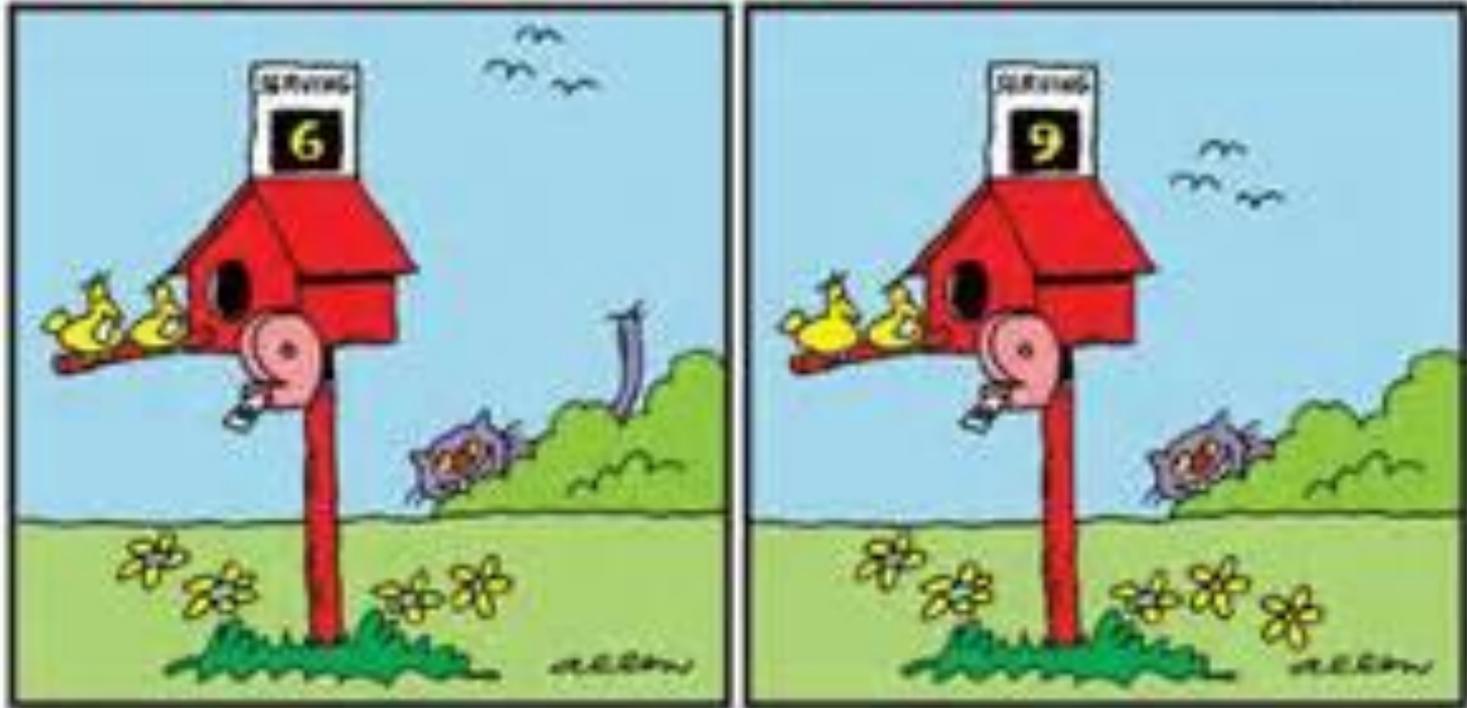
Free-loaders vs. genuine

1 John 5: 3-5

Victory in Jesus



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



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In summary, what does Jesus want us to do?

Not to be always thinking about ourselves

Work for the best for those outside the kingdom

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Be imitators of God - as dearly loved children. Ephesians 5:1

