

Act Like The Father Matthew 5:43-48

No Vengeance

Many look for opportunity to "get back" at those who trouble them.

Jewish leaders had taken "Love your neighbor as yourself" to extreme inference of "& hate your enemy"

Not in the Law - **Exodus 23:4-5; Proverbs 25:21-22**

Jesus calls for love for all men, neighbor and enemy!

Enemies

The world - criminal, wicked, bigot, frauds, oppressive authorities

Family - unspiritual, estranged, children, parents - **Matthew 10:34-36**

Christians - wronged, error, weak, ignorant - **Galatians 4:16; 1Corinthians 6:1-9; 2Thessalonians 3:14-15; Romans 14:14-19; 1Peter 3:8-9**

Love

Defined by Paul - **1Corinthians 13:4-8; Romans 12:14,17-21**

Wisdom literature also gives instruction - **Ecclesiastes 10:20; Proverbs 24:17**

Kingdom Gospel

Bless, Do Good, Pray - **Luke 6:27-28;35-36**

Yet still ask God to repay

David to Saul - **2Samuel 1:17-27; Psalm 143:11-12**

Like the Father - **Romans 5:8-10; 1John 4:10-11; Ephesians 4:31-5:2; Romans 1:18**

Sons Of God

Influenced by God & Word - **Romans 5:10**

Rise above the world - **Matthew 7:28**

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