



Christianity In Real Life

Dealing with Mean & Demanding People

Luke 6:27-30

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1. Know _____ (vv.27-30)

27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.
(ESV)

2. Get _____ (vv.29-30)

3. Seek _____ (vv.27-28)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 4:9-12**. How does a passage like this motivate you to read Scripture more carefully, being sure you don't take God's directives out of context?
2. Read **Hebrews 10:32-34; 11:15-16; 24-26; 35**. How do passages like these help you to get the ridicule and mistreatment for being a Christian in perspective?
3. Read **Ephesians 4:26-27; 31**. What are some of the particular temptations you face as you grapple with your "natural" reactions to being mistreated? How does identifying these temptations ahead of time help you combat them when you encounter them?
4. Read **Romans 12:17-21**. What are some of the specific prayers you can and should pray for your opponents "when you are hated, excluded, reviled or spurned on account of the Son of Man?"
5. Read **1 Peter 2:21-23**. How can you keep this ultimate example in your mind next time you are tempted to "revile in return?"

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

January 12th

Gen.29-30 & Mt.10:1-23

January 13th

Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42

January 14th

Gen.33-35 & Mt.11

January 15th

Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21

January 16th

Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50

January 17th

Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32

January 18th

Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58

January 19th

Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 11-08 – **Learning Counterintuitive Responses**

Msg. # 11-11 – **Working to Rest in God's Justice**

Msg. # 11-18 – **Human Laws & Christian Conduct**

Msg. # 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**

Msg. # 13-18 – **Jesus as Deliverer**

Msg. # 08-17 – **Gospel Crazy: Sold Out for Its Advancement**

Msg. # 13-14 – **Guarding Your Assumptions**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.

_____. **How to Overcome Evil**. P & R Publishing, 1978.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Culver, Robert Duncan. **Toward a Biblical View of Civil Government**. Moody Press, 1974.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Geisler, Norman. **Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues & Options, 2nd Edition**. Baker Books, 2010.

Grudem, Wayne. **Politics According to the Bible: Modern Political Issues in Light of Scripture**. Zondervan, 2010.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Lutzer, Erwin. **When a Nation Forgets God: Seven Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany**. Moody, 2010.

MacArthur, John. **The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness**. Crossway Books, 1998.

Morgan, Christopher. **Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment**. Zondervan, 2004.

Piper, John. **Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Command in the Synoptic Gospels**. Baker Books, 1992.

Pritchard, Ray. **The Healing Power of Forgiveness**. Harvest House, 2005.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.