

Bible Study 7 – Loving when it costs – Luke 6:27-36

Have you ever noticed how naturally we mimic the world around us? It's the law of reciprocity. If someone smiles at you in the store, you smile back. If someone cuts you off in traffic, your blood boils, and you want to honk back. We live in a world that is essentially a giant echo chamber of reaction. We give people exactly what they give us. But Jesus was never interested in us being echoes. Jesus doesn't want us to be thermometers that just record the temperature of the room. He calls us to be thermostats—people who change the temperature. He invites us into a way of living that breaks the cycle of retaliatory human nature. He calls us to love our enemies!

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born as a baby boy. He was brought up in the Jewish religion and was a descendant of king David. Jesus was tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. And then He was rejected in His hometown. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 6:27-36

Active love (v.27-28)	
Reactive love (v.29-31)	
Sacrificial love (v.32-34)	
Imitating God (v.35-36)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What did Paul say about revenge in Romans 12:17-21?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Jesus asked His followers to act like Him towards their enemies. As Jesus loves people who do not love Him, so should we. The best way to deal with an enemy is to befriend them with acts of kindness. Instead of retaliation or vengeance, kill them with kindness! Undeserved love is God's secret weapon.

