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Reaction

That would not be my first reaction. **What would not be your first reaction?** It would not be my first reaction to love my enemies. It would not be my first reaction to do good to those who hate me or to bless those who curse me. Praying for those who hurt is not something that naturally occurs to me. So, that is not one of my first reactions either. **I like your honesty. You are making a true confession.** Well yes, I am. I am not proud that I have such poor first reactions to my being mistreated. I want to be able to think and speak and act like you. I want to pattern my life after yours. I want to love like you loved. I want to serve like you served. I want to give like you gave. And I especially want to pray like you prayed. I will confess fully, right now, that I have fallen far short of these goals. I have missed the mark, by a wide margin. Forgive me. **You are forgiven.**

So, I see that you are willing to listen. You will follow my instructions. You will receive my guidance. Yes, I will. **Then I will tell you that there is no blessing in seeking revenge. There is no reward in getting even. Nothing is to be gained by getting paid back for the evil that has been done against you. If you are continually hoping that the score will be made even or that you will receive full justice in this life, you are going to be disappointed. Justice and the score being made even, or your being paid back in this life should not be your concern.** What should be my concern? **Do to others what you would like them to do to you. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who hurt you. Make this your one and only reaction. With this reaction, you will be my bright witness in a dark and broken world. With this reaction, you will bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. With this reaction, you will reap great rewards in heaven. Will this be your one and only reaction?** Yes Lord, it will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I am listening. I will follow your instructions and receive your guidance. I will love my enemies. I will do good to those who hate me. I will bless those who curse me. I will pray for those who hurt me. I will do to others what I would like them to do to me. Amen

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Mistreat You*

"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 mistreat 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.

NIV Luke 6:27-31

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"But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

NLT Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Abuse You*

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

NRSV Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *Those Who Abuse You*

But I say to you who are listening now to Me: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred, Invoke blessings upon and pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you]. To the one who strikes you on the jaw or cheek, offer the other jaw or cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well. Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again. And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.

AMP Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Mistreat You*

"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

NASB Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Abuse You*

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 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. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

ESV Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Spitefully Use You*

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

NKJV Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For That Person*

"To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously. "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!

MSG Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *Those Who Hurt You*

"Listen, all of you. Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Pray for the happiness of those who curse you; implore God's blessing on those who hurt you. "If someone slaps you on one cheek, let him slap the other too! If someone demands your coat, give him your shirt besides. Give what you have to anyone who asks you for it; and when things are taken away from you, don't worry about getting them back. Treat others as you want them to treat you.

TLB Luke 6:27-31

The Prayer Filled Life *For Those Who Are Cruel To You*

"But I say to you who are listening, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who are cruel to you. If anyone slaps you on one cheek, offer him the other cheek, too. If someone takes your coat, do not stop him from taking your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you, and when someone takes something that is yours, don't ask for it back. Do to others what you would want them to do to you.

NCV Luke 6:27-31

For Those Who Hurt You

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Prayer Filled Life – Luke 6:27-31

In Context: Read Luke 6

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I am listening. I will follow your instructions and receive your guidance. I will love my enemies. I will do good to those who hate me. I will bless those who curse me. I will pray for those who hurt me. I will do to others what I would like them to do to me. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How willing are you to listen to what you would rather not hear?

When have you attentively listened to something about you that was uncomfortable to hear?

How are you going out of your way to love your enemies?

When have you done good to those who hate you and blessed those who curse you?

How are you regularly and continually praying for those who hurt you?

How are you generously giving to others what they are asking for from you?

How are you always doing to others what you would like them to do to you?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Love your enemies, do good, bless and pray for those who hurt you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that there will be great rewards for loving and praying for those who hurt you.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are praying for those who hurt you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you love your enemies and pray for those who hurt you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will love my enemies and pray for those who hurt me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I love and pray for my enemies today?
