Embrace Holy Living



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Luke 6:27-38

As we read Luke 6, we might think that Jesus has made a mistake. Love our enemies? Do good to those who hate us? You have to be kidding! The normal thing to do is to hate our enemies, and get back at those who hate us!

Jesus spoke these words to the people in the region of Galilee, and their enemies would have been the Romans, the occupying authorities of a foreign government. No one had invited them, and no one wanted them there. Nevertheless, Jesus tells the Galileans that they are to love their enemies and do good to them. It all seems rather incongruous, and even impossible to do. Then Jesus adds a clarifying instruction, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

We are called to live like Jesus. At one time our teens wore bracelets with WWJD? What would Jesus do? Jesus loved us when we were still sinners. His goodness was bestowed on us when we did not deserve it. He calls us to do the same to others.

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