

Godly Lending

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Luke 6:30-38

Christians are known for their generosity in giving. Nazarenes have a great ethic of generosity to missions and compassion to the marginalized. However, Luke's words may stir our souls when he says, "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them . . ." It is much easier to give to someone who stirs our compassion, to someone we love and/or trust. Doing good to our enemies is a stretch, if we are honest.

Luke points us to a love that does not naturally spring from our human hearts. It is a result of God's grace at work in our lives. This comes from His love planting and flourishing from our hearts and even then, our human frames struggle against God's perfect love.

Psychologists and pastors alike confirm what God's Word tells us—the activity of hate, bitterness, and resentment takes a toll on the heart, the body, the psyche, and the soul. It is hard to love our enemies, but it is good medicine for the disease of sin.

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