

Essentials How To Love Difficult People

John 13:35 *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

Luke 6:27-28 *...love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.*

1. View _____

Matthew 5:43 *You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'*

Matthew 5:44 *But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...*

Colossians 3:8 *You must quit being angry, hateful, and evil. You must no longer say insulting or cruel things about others.*

a) Hating _____

b) Hating prevents me from _____

Romans 12:9 *Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.*

2. _____

Matthew 9:11 *But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"*

Key: Use a _____

Matthew 9: 22 *Jesus turned around, and when he saw her, he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.*

3. Look for _____

Luke 9:54 *When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?"*

Luke 9:55 *But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.*

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Humanizing statements

I wonder how many of my opinions are the results of highly filtered information?

This person is created in the image of God and deeply loved by Him. This person has a special purpose in life as a unique creation of God.

I wonder what I would be like if I had been raised in that home?

The Jesus Way

When people make it their goal to ruin my life, I will treat them with kindness, like I wish they would treat me.

When people hate me, I return their hatred by trying to figure out how to do good to them.

When people curse me, I return it with a blessing.

When people treat me terribly, I pray for God's blessing in their lives.

If I love you...

I will forgive you when you hurt me

I will speak with kindness to you and about you

I will help you when you need help

I'll be patient with your flaws

I will accept you just as you are

I will celebrate your wins without jealousy

Even when you have a bad day and I take the brunt, I'll love you anyway

Even when your flaws impact me, I'll love you

Even when you annoy me, I'll love you

I will speak the truth in love to you

1 Peter 3:9 *Don't be hateful and insult people just because they are hateful and insult you. Instead, treat everyone with kindness.*

1 Thessalonians 5:15 *Don't be hateful to people, just because they are hateful to you. Rather, be good to each other and to everyone else.*

I John 2:9 *If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness.*