

How to Treat Others
1 John 3:11-18
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We can treat people either naturally or supernaturally.

- How you treat me is how I treat you.
- I treat people the way God treats me.

Option #1 – Evil and Hatred
Hatred is an old problem.

God cares what's in your hand as well as your heart.

Don't be surprised if the world hates you.

Cain is a picture of the world. Abel is a picture of godliness.

Love is both a mark and a test for a Christian.
Murder is the offspring of hatred.

Anger rises when we allow our hurt to turn into hate.

Option #2 - Apathy

Love is not indifferent. Love gives.

Love = time + talents + treasure + thoughts

Option #3 - Love

The point is not to like everyone.

The point is not to trust everyone.

The point is not to be friends with everyone. (Jesus was friendly to all and friends with a few.)

Love acts.

John's idea of truth is found in our vision statement: Helping people see God and participate in His redemptive story.