

## Big Three in 23

### Hard To Love

**Matthew 5:43-48** “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ’But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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**For Family** \_\_\_\_\_ “...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.” (v.45)

**Luke 6:35** “But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”

**Ephesians 5:1** “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.”

**For Moral** \_\_\_\_\_ “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?” (v.46)

**Luke 6:32** “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.”

**Philippians 2:14-15** “Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, ***children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation***, among whom you shine as lights in the world...”

**For Spiritual** \_\_\_\_\_ “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (v.48)

**Matthew 19:21** “Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

### The Desired Result:

**James 1:4** “And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”