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3. What are the simple practical steps Jesus provides to His followers with this command? (Hint: Check vs. 44) How might these steps be different than our typical behavior?
4. Jesus teaches that we can distinguish ourselves as God's children by our love toward enemies and persecutors. Why is it important to understand that love is not limited to a feeling in light of this teaching? What simple everyday action does Jesus redefine as a loving action? (hint: check vs. 47)

Application

5. How does praying for our enemies change our heart toward them? Who, by name, can you start praying for today?
6. What is the relationship between loving God and loving your enemies? Can you love one and not the other?
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