

...When There's So Much Hate

Where Is God? | Part 12 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

God's Call To Overcome The Hate All Around Us

(Jesus in Matthew 5:43-48, selected verses in 1 John 4)

1. Principle: RESPOND TO PEOPLE'S HATE WITH LOVE.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

Matthew 5:43-44, NIV

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

1 John 4:20, NIV

Love by seeing GOD THROUGH YOUR ENEMIES.

2. Purpose: TO LIVE AND LOVE LIKE GOD DOES.

"...that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

Matthew 5:45, NIV

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16, NIV

Love by drawing on the LOVE GOD HAS FOR YOU.

3. Perspective: WE'LL STAND OUT ABOVE THE CROWD.

"If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others?"

Matthew 5:46-47, NIV

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins... We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:10&19, NIV

Love by realizing you're a TROPHY OF GOD'S GRACE.

4. Pursuit: WE WILL BECOME MORE GODLY PEOPLE.

“Be perfect, there fore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48, NIV

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

1 John 4:17, NIV

Love is the reflection of your SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

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