

JESUS' CHALLENGED COMMANDS

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S – Scriptures

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” Luke 6: 27-28

C – Consideration

A few verses before, Jesus made a contrast between two classes of people and the consequences that their spiritual choices - a man reaps what he sows. He mentioned the reason the first ones would face challenges: “Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake.” He connected their troubles and persecutions because of his name and his message. In other words, we live in a world of suffering, hunger, poverty and evil, however, Jesus was talking to the disciples who were suffering for his cause. In the other hand, he condemned the others exactly for the way they were well received: “Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.” In conclusion, the world will persecute his disciples and praises false prophets and those who follow them.

C – Commitment

We live in, a world of injustice, corruption, depravity, violence, and undeniable, the easiest thing is to make enemies. Indisputable, to get hurt, to get betrayed, to get cursed, it is quite easy too. Some people loved Jesus, while others hated him. One week a multitude was praising and worshiping him, and the next one they shouted: crucify him, crucify him, therefore, Jesus knew human hearts, and his commands were very clear to his followers: don’t keep hatred in your hearts, don’t pay evil with evil, don’t curse anyone. He also knew, that wouldn’t be an easy thing to carry out, but if he told me to do, I have to obey it. Many times, I kept bitterness, anger and retaliation against others, however, in the end, I was the one who was in trouble. Unforgiveness and hatred are poisons to the soul. Yet, I can go to the Lord in prayer to get the resources I need to have his commands done.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, thank you for another day, thank you for your word that inspire me and guide me. My God, thank you for Jesus, your Son who died for me on the cross to save my soul and to make me a new creation. I pray for strength to love my enemies from my heart, not just with my mind, I ask for power to bless my enemies and to forgive them, and a sincere commitment to pray for those who mistreat me. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.