

# ***The King's Code***

***PASTOR MIKE YODER • LUKE 6:27-42***



*“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,*

**Luke 6:27**

*bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

**Luke 6:28**

*If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.*



*Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.*

**Luke 6:30**

*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

**Luke 6:31**

*If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners love those who love them.*

**Luke 6:32**

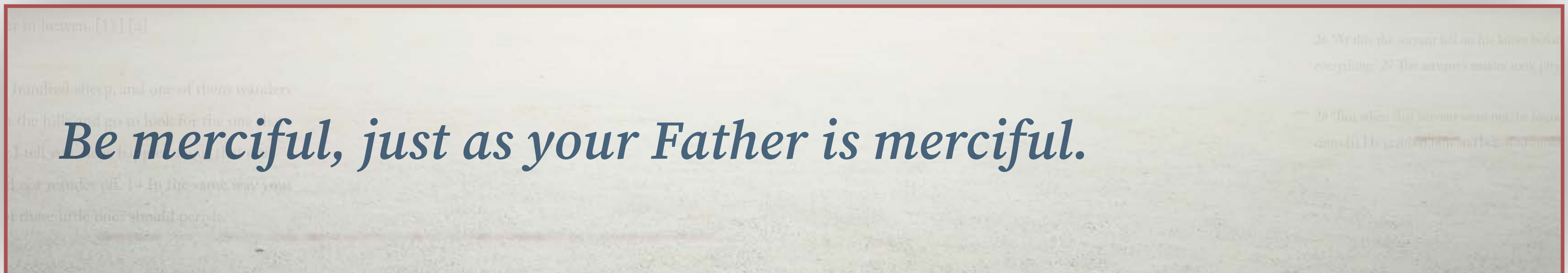
*And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.*



*And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.*

*But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.*

**Luke 6:35**



*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**Luke 6:36**

*Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

**Luke 6:37**



*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”*

**Luke 6:38**



*He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind?  
Will they not both fall into a pit?”*

*The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.*

**Luke 6:40**

*Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye  
and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?*

**Luke 6:41**

*How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye?*

*You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

**Luke 6:42**



# **Sacrificial Love as the King's Code (6:27–31)**



*Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.*

*For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*



Fallen man is not incapable of loving. The doctrine of total depravity does not mean that original sin has rendered men incapable of doing anything good at all, but rather that every good they do is tainted to some degree by evil.

**John Stott**

**To return evil for good is devilish; to return good for good is human; to return good for evil is divine.**

**Alfred Plummer**



Hatred for your enemies feels like the most natural thing in the world. (But) genuinely supernatural, Godlike love includes our enemies who wrong and abuse us. This is how Christian love surpasses the sinner's love.

**Thabiti Anyabwile**

Jesus is saying that the “I’ll scratch your back, if you scratch mine” approach to meeting needs is not an example of a disciple’s love. One should give without strings attached.

**Darrell Bock**

# **Spiritual Math in the King's Code (6:32–36)**



*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

**Matthew 5:48**



You will be sons does not mean “you will become sons” but “you will demonstrate that you are sons” by imitating God’s care and compassion even for those who are evil.



When we love this way, we live out the family resemblance. This kind of love transforms society. It changes the hearts of both the oppressed and the oppressor, the victim and the victimizer.

**Thabiti Anyabwile**

*We love because He first loved us.*

**1 John 4:19**

...of these little ones, but I tell you that their angels  
are always in the presence of my Father in heaven. (11:1-13)

...a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders  
away from the flock and goes to look for the one that  
is lost. (13:1-18)

# Displaying the King (6:37-42)



Always forgive your enemies. Nothing infuriates them more.

**Author Unknown**



**When God accepts people God's grace changes them. A forgiving spirit is evidence that the person has been forgiven.**

**Leon Morris**



Those who are ready to aid others are those who have learned to deal with their own faults.

**Following the King means  
reflecting His code.**

