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## City on a Hill

**desert breeze community church**

Matthew 5:21-26, 38-47

### **“Love Philanthropy”**

Love Philanthropy? You're receiving so much love from God that you recklessly give it away without expecting anything in return. Christianity is a set of drastically transformed interrelated relationships with God, myself and others.

#### **I Have A New Relationship With Others...**

- It's \_\_\_\_\_ to let someone sin against you. v44
- It's a kind of love that \_\_\_\_\_ from the crowd. Vv46-48
- It is about overcoming evil \_\_\_\_\_. Vv38-42; Rom12:24-21

#### **Because I Have A New Relationship With Myself...**

- Guard your heart against \_\_\_\_\_. Vv21-22; Eph4:26-27; Heb12:15
- Seek reconciliation whether you are the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_. Vv23-24; Matt18:15-17; Rom12:18
- Build your identity on Christ & you're life will be \_\_\_\_\_. Vv25-26, 39-42; Eph4:31-32

#### **That Comes From A New Relationship With God.**

- You are never \_\_\_\_\_ your Father than when you love your enemies. V45
- God's love transforms His enemies into His \_\_\_\_\_. Rom5:8-10; 1John3:1-3
- Normal Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_—receiving so much love from God that you recklessly give it away without expecting anything in return. V48; 1Jn4:19; Jn15:5



# Growing

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- 1) A love philanthropist is someone who is receiving so much love from God that they recklessly give it away without expecting anything in return. What would your family, db family, this community and the world be like if people could live like that?
- 2) Read Matthew 5:21-26, 38-48. Christianity is a set of drastically transformed interrelated relationships with God, myself & others. Explain. Beginning with others: Why is it never loving to let someone sin against you? How is this a kind of love that stands out in the crowd (Vv46-48)? What does it mean to overcome evil with good (Vv38-42; Rom12:24-21)?
- 3) I have a new relationship with others because I have a new relationship with self. How do you know you have bitterness & how do you guard your heart against it (Vv21-22; Eph4:26-27; Heb12:15)? When should we seek reconciliation (Vv23-24; Matt18:15-17; Rom12:18)? How would building your identity on Christ make your life unshakable to the insults & losses of life (Vv25-26, 39-42; Eph4:31-32)?
- 4) A new relationship with others < a new relationship with myself < a new relationship with God. God's love transforms His enemies into His dearly loved Children (Rom5:8-10; 1John3:1-3). What are your thoughts & feelings about that truth & how does it help you to love your enemies (v45)? Your love for God & others grows out of an experience of God's love for you. What are some things you can do to experience more of His love (V48; 1Jn4:19; Jn15:5)? Pray db would be more loving!