

## The Secrets of Overcoming Love

Luke 6:27-42

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bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

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To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.

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Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.

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And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

### **Luke 6:32 (ESV)**

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

### **Luke 6:33 (ESV)**

And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

### **Luke 6:34 (ESV)**

And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.

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But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

### **Luke 6:36 (ESV)**

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

### **Luke 6:37 (ESV)**

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;

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give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**1. Showing Kindness to Your Enemies.****Luke 6:27 (ESV)**

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**Romans 12:20 (ESV)**

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

**Romans 12:21 (ESV)**

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**2. Acting Selflessly for Others' Sake.****Luke 6:33 (ESV)**

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**Luke 14:12 (ESV)**

He said also to the man who had invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

**Luke 14:13 (ESV)**

But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,

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and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

**3. Reflecting God's Mercy and Forgiveness.****Luke 6:36 (ESV)**

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**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**4. Checking Yourself before Correcting Someone Else.****Luke 6:39 (ESV)**

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?

**Luke 6:40 (ESV)**

A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

**Luke 6:41 (ESV)**

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

**Luke 6:42 (ESV)**

How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye, 'when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.