

THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

The Sermon on the Mount – Disciple UP!
Proactive Discipleship (Matt. 5:43-48)
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1) I have to _____

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' Matthew 5:43 (NIV)

- God never called us to _____

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:18 (NIV)

2) I need to _____ my enemies.

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

- Thankfully Jesus says love NOT _____
- Loving my enemies shows primarily through _____

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. Luke 23:34 (NIV)

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts 7:59-60 (NIV)

3) Jesus calls me to _____ the deeper reasons.

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. 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? Do not even pagans do that? Matthew 5:45-47 (NIV)

What Are Those Reasons?

- To act like a _____
- To answer God's _____
- To live _____

4) Jesus calls me to see the _____ of discipleship.

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48 (NIV)

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48 (ESV)

Perfect = τέλειος

"In a word, what I'm saying is, Grow up. You're kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you. Matthew 5:48 (MSG)

The Real Goal of Discipleship is: _____