

Breaking The World's Norm

Matthew 5:43-48

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1. Even for Christians, living in a society that tells us to do good to our friends and despise those who wrong us can be tempting.
 - Matthew 24:12 tells us that in the last days the love of many will grow cold.
 - Paul says in Romans 12:2 "Do not conform..."
2. The greatest example we have is when Christ said on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."
 - Luke 23:24 – What accomplishment is there in only loving and treating those who do the same to us?
 - Luke 5:39 – We must put all selfishness and pride at the feet of Jesus in order for Him to shine His light through us.
 - Galatians 2:20
3. In our human nature and to our natural mind this is something irrational.
 - I Corinthians 2:13-15
 - Only the Spirit of God can enable us to do the impossible
 - Philippians 4:13
4. Achieving God's perfectness is allowing ourselves to love as He loved us.
 - I John 4:17-19



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