

# Generous Living Imitating the Father

<sup>27</sup> But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

<sup>29</sup> 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.



<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.



<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what benefit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what benefit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.



<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.



<sup>37</sup> Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> 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.



