

THIS WEEK AT THF

Tuesday

- 700-900pm ▶ **THF COLLEGE**
Meets at the Ramsey home (6203 92nd St.)
- 700pm ▶ **WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY**
Meeting Location Varies. See Allie Clark.

Wednesday

- 700-815pm ▶ **THF STUDENTS - Worship & Small Groups**
Youth Cafe' opens at 6pm

Thursday

- 630-730am ▶ **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**
Meets in the THF Mall

UPCOMING

- OCT 27**
THF COLLEGE
Worship Night @ THF
7pm
- NOV 1**
FAMILY JAM & BAPTISMS
11am

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Week of 10/11/20	Year to Date
Budget Giving	\$21,231.16	\$657,772.61
Budget Needs	\$15,970.00	\$654,770.00

Free wifi: THFGuest No password needed.

The Standard ATTACKED

The words of the scripture were fully **KNOWN** to the Jews -

The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." And, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27 nlt

Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you from the LORD your God. Just obey them. Deuteronomy 4:2 nlt

omission of "as yourself"

CF DEUT 12:32; PROV 30:5-6; REV 22:18-19;

CF LK 10:29 - WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

'AND HATE YOUR ENEMY' FOUND NOWHERE IN OT

- They had **SUBTRACTED** from the scripture
- They had **NARROWED** the meaning of the scripture to suit themselves
- They had **ADDED** to the scripture that which was not intended

The Standard ADVANCED

① Love your ENEMIES v.44

It was considered a good man's **DUTY** to hate the "hatable" cf Luke 18:10-14

It is a tendency of humanity to base love upon *desirability*

Jesus used the word *agape* (love) to indicate the *applied* **WILL** to love even when the object is undesirable or even **UNLOVABLE** !

1 Jo 4:7-12; Rom 5:5-8 4 NT words for love: storge, eros, phileo, agape

Jesus instruction is to love with more than a **"DO-SO"** love. We are to evidence a **"SAY-SO"** love.

② Pray for those who **PERSECUTE YOU** v.44

Jesus instructs us not to pray for our enemies for **WHAT** they have done but for **WHO THEY ARE**: They are **SINNERS IN NEED OF GOD'S GRACE**

This is the supreme demand. Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemy, stand by his side, and plead for him to God. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

③ **MANIFEST** your Father v.45 The ultimate: "Who's your daddy!"

INDISCRIMMINATE love and benevolence is a certain sign that God is active in our lives.

④ Raise your own **BAR** vv.46-48

Have a higher standard of **LOVE** than your culture v.46

Have a different standard for **INCLUSION** than your culture v.47

Have a loftier **GOALS** than your culture v.48

perfect = Gk: *telios* (τέλειοι) - means without blemish or to be grown. Comes from the noun *telos* which means the point aimed at - in other words it means to have reached the **PURPOSE** for which planned

GOD'S PURPOSE - GEN 1:26 CF ROM 8:29

Notes from The Heights

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FAITH IN SUFFERING

Matthew 5:43-48

THIS IS THE LAST OF SEVEN COMPARISONS ABOUT THEIR 'FAITH'

Consider

...the person who bears you the most ill will.

...the person you absolutely like the least.

...the person who would most like to see you fail.

THE ORIGINAL OT STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT

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

The Standard AFFIRMED

God intended that we demonstrate love for our fellow **BELIEVERS**

Deuteronomy 22:1-4

God expanded the behavior to even include our **ENEMIES** Exodus 23:4-5

*The point is that God never limited love to just **NATIONAL** decency.*

*He always personalized it to include **HUMAN** decency!*

Don't say to anyone, "I'll get back at you for what you did to me.

I'll make you pay for what you did!" Proverbs 24:29 msg

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; Proverbs 25:21 nas

those who **REJOICE** at the misfortune of others will be punished.

Proverbs 17:5 nlt

God has never had a **DOUBLE STANDARD** for love or goodwill!

Exemplified

Case #1 - David and Saul - 1 Samuel 24:1-20

*Saul was David's sworn enemy, David refused to execute **VENGEANCE** on him...to the point of even refusing to let **HIS PEOPLE** do it as well!*

Case #2 - David and Shimei - 2 Samuel 16:5-11

*Even though David had the **RIGHT** and the **POWER** to silence a very vocal critic, he refused and would not allow **ANYONE** permission either.*

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THF LIFENotes
10-18-20

1. Mike asked us to consider ...the person who bears you the most ill will; ...the person you absolutely like the least; ...the person who would most like to see you fail. How do you apply Matthew 5: 44 to your relationship with them?
2. Read I Samuel 24:1-20. Faith always involves trusting in God's timing. Discuss with your group how this story of David and Saul exemplifies waiting on God. Give examples.
3. In Luke 10:25-37 Jesus has a discussion with a lawyer. What can we learn from this passage about subtracting, narrowing, and adding to the intent of scripture? Discuss with your group.
4. Jesus commands to "love your enemies" and "pray for those who persecute you." How do you love YOUR enemies? What do YOU pray for your enemies?
5. What is our culture's standard of love? How can we have a higher standard? Who needs to experience a higher standard of love from you?