

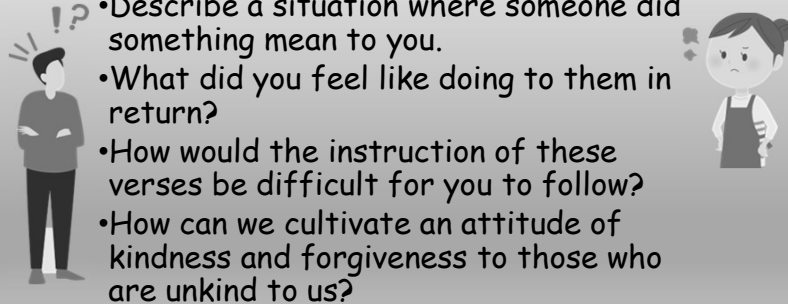
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How is this outrageous?

Luke 6:27-31 (MSG) To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously. Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them!

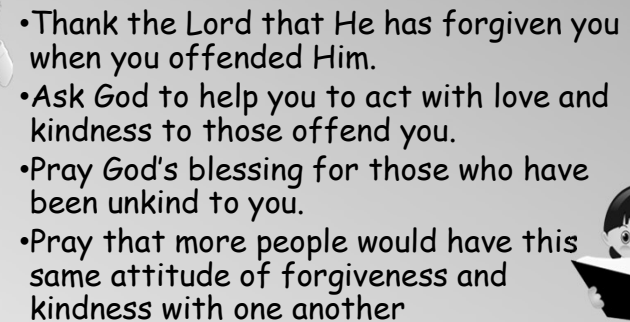
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Discussion

- Describe a situation where someone did something mean to you.
 - What did you feel like doing to them in return?
 - How would the instruction of these verses be difficult for you to follow?
 - How can we cultivate an attitude of kindness and forgiveness to those who are unkind to us?
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Pray

- Thank the Lord that He has forgiven you when you offended Him.
 - Ask God to help you to act with love and kindness to those offend you.
 - Pray God's blessing for those who have been unkind to you.
 - Pray that more people would have this same attitude of forgiveness and kindness with one another
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