

So Instead of Hating Our Enemies, We Are to (Matt. 5:44)

- Love Them
 - Bless them who curse us
 - Do good to those who hate us
 - Pray for those who spitefully use us and persecute us
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Why? (Matt. 5:45-47)

- That we may be Sons of God
 - Because we live on a higher plane
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Be Perfect (Matt. 5:48)

- *Perfect (teleioi)* means:
 - Sinlessness
 - Maturity
 - To reach an end, accomplish a goal
 - In this context, “perfect” means to accomplish the goal of having the righteousness of which Jesus speaks
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Be Perfect (Matt. 5:48)

- So in seeking perfection, we remove:
 - Anger and hatred that causes murder
 - Lust that produces adultery
 - Selfishness that causes us to put away our mates
 - And add
 - Integrity
 - Love
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