

Luke 6 Revolution “Do Good – To Those Who Hate You” Believers Statesboro 03-23-25

How many of you have ever had someone hate you, someone who breaks open a bottle of “Haterade” on you? No matter what you do or don’t do, it just seems like they hate you and make sure that you know it!

We are talking about the Luke 6 Revolution because we believe these two verses can change the world!

Luke 6:27-28 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Love, Do Good, Bless, and Pray.

- 1) Love your enemies,
- 2) Do good to those who hate you,
- 3) Bless those who curse you, and
- 4) Pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28 will revolutionize you. If applied, it will revolutionize your relationships. I challenge you to join the “Luke 6 Revolution”. It all starts with you and me as we make a personal decision to allow the Holy Spirit to help us do what Jesus told all of us to do.

Haterade

Luke 6:27 “... do good to those who hate you.

So, people have been drinking “Haterade” in honor of you! It can be expected. Does it surprise you? Some say, “I can’t believe they would say that or feel that way towards me.” You can believe it!

Guilt by Association

Mark 13:13 Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. If you are a friend or a follower of Christ Jesus, people who hate Him will hate you.

Why would anyone hate Jesus?

Jesus wouldn’t go to the Festival of Tabernacles with his earthly bothers because the Jewish leaders were looking to kill him. Jesus explained to them why the leaders didn’t hate on them, but on Him.

John 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil.”

- No one likes to be told they are doing wrong, much less that what they are doing is evil!
- If they hate that Jesus corrects the errors of their way, even though He does it for their own good, they will not only hate Jesus, but they will hate anything or anyone associated with Jesus.

The Result of Haterade

Luke 6:22 Blessed are you (*Blessed Is Better*) **when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.**

We are blessed. It is a blessing for others to begin to associate you with Christ Jesus.

It’s a blessing to be in His family, to be His friend, to be a part of His church.

What Should Our Attitude Towards Haterade Be?

Luke 6:23 “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

NEXT STEP: Instead of getting mad, I will rejoice when Haterade is spit on me.

How Should We Response to Haterade?

Rejoice yes, but what should our actions be towards them? What do we do when people hate us? Avoid them at all costs? Hate them back? Put out a hit on them?

Jesus had a more initiative-taking plan.

Luke 6:27 “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, What? That makes no sense. That’s not normal. Why should you do good to someone who is spewing Haterade at you?

When someone is spewing Haterade at you, you want to spew it back toward them!

- It causes you to lose focus and to forget what is really important. You wake up drinking Haterade, you sip on Haterade all throughout the day, and you drink a warm cup of Haterade to go to sleep at night.
- **EX:** Haterade causes pastors to turn their back on the majority of good-loving people in their church and focus on the haters.

But JESUS IS BETTER and Jesus always has a better way than the way of the world. He always has a better idea, a better response, and a bigger picture. Jesus said to **Do Good to Those Who Hate You.**

Of course, this statement follows “Love Your Enemies.” Last week, we saw that we are called to love Jesus, love ourselves, love those who love us, love our neighbors, and yes the ultimate challenge is to be Christ-like and love our enemies.

Love is the Gospel message in a nutshell. Even though we were considered enemies of God, haters of God, lovers of evil, sons of disobedience and were lost in our sinful nature and ways, God chose to love us anyway and bring us from enemies and haters to His friends; to be a loving relationship with Him. *When we love our enemies, we show them a picture of the love of God.*

Well, let’s take it a step further today. Jesus said in **1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. We need to add deeds and good works to our love.**

EX: Serve the Boro – Sends a picture of a free gift that is available with no strings attached. Intentional Acts of Kindness and good deeds to strangers sends them a clear message.

That being the case, how much more of a clear message will it send to those who hate us, when we do good to them rather than retaliate?

Because of Our Actions, We Deserved God’s Wrath

(Just like your haters may deserve your wrath.)

Ephesians 2:1-3 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved.

This is good! Even though we were drinking Haterade towards God, He did something good for us.

Ephesians 2:6-9 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Now, here we are- the redeemed, the undeserving recipients of God’s goodness. Now, we are called to

do the same thing to those who hate us, just like Jesus did.

You Were Created For This!

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

This doesn’t say do good only to those who do good to us or do good only to those who are neutral to us. It just says, “Do Good Works.”

Luke 6:32-35 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.

Then... 1) **your reward will be great**, and 2) **you will be children of the Most High**, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

But Jesus said these good works we were created for also include doing good to our enemies and those who hate us! Why? Well, remember...

Ephesians 2:11-13 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) — 12 **remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.** 13 **But now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The Golden Rule

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

Matthew 7:12 So **in everything**, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. **In everything!**

- What you would want them to **say** about you, say about them.
- What you would want them to **think** about you, think about them.
- What you would want them to **write** about you, write about them.
- What you would want them to **text** about you, text about them.
- What you would want them to **post** about you, post about them.
- What you would want them to **do** for you, do for them. Be proactive.

Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is The gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that **leads to life**, and only a few find it.

Doing good to others is not normal! The world on the wide gate to destruction says:

- “Do unto others **when** they do unto you.” “Do unto others **what** they do unto you.”
- “Do unto others **before** they do unto you.” “Do unto others **so they will not** do unto you.”
- “Do unto others **that they might** do unto you.”

A) To The Extent That You Want Goodness Measured Out To You, Give It To Others!

Luke 6:29-31 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

31 **Do to others as you would have them do to you.**

Luke 6:36-38 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 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.”

B) If We Don't Love Our Enemies and Do Good To Those That Hate Us, We Are Hypocrites.

We are willingly receiving goodness and mercy from Christ Jesus but refusing to give it back to others.

We are like the blind trying to lead the blind.

Luke 6:39-40 He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:41-42 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

NEXT STEP: This week I will pray, “Christ Jesus, train me to be like You, my teacher!”

How Much Good Is Stored Up In Your Heart?

Luke 6:45 A good man brings good things out of the **good stored up in his heart**, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Sometimes you’ve got to pull up the reserves when the hate gets intense!

Romans 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil (drink Haterade to evil); cling to what is good.

What’s Your Plan Moving Forward?

Proverbs 14:22 Do not those who plot evil go astray?

But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

What is your plan? How do you plan to do good to those who hate you?

If you do, you will find love and faithfulness.

NEXT STEP: This week I will plan and do one good thing for someone who hates me.