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Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 5:43-48

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A Clarion Call to Love" Part 2 (Matthew 5:43-48)

"One profound biblical insight we need to embrace is that our heart exploits our mind to justify what the heart wants. That is, our deepest desires precede the rational functioning of our minds and incline the mind to perceive and think in a way that will make the desires look right. It is an illusion to think that our hearts are neutral and incline in accordance with cool, rational observation of truth. On the contrary, we feel powerful desires and fears in our hearts, and then our minds bend reality to justify the desires"

~ John Piper

**Christ's followers _____ their rights, _____ to themselves,
and _____ their Father in heaven who loves and even
_____ his enemies.**

1. We Are Called to Love Our _____ (vv. 43-48).

In God's vocabulary, our _____ includes our _____.

Practical ways to love your enemy:

- a. _____ well of them.
- b. _____ for them.
- c. _____ them.