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Open Minds,
Open Doors

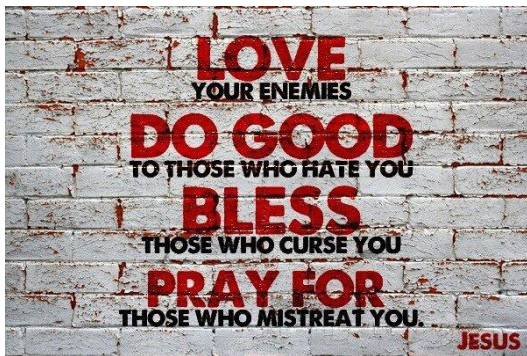
GREAT REWARD

BY HYNG JUNG CHOI

Luke 6:32-35, “³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.”

This passage is about the hardest task Jesus gave Christians, “Love your enemy.” How hard it is for us to follow. He said do not revenge to a foe. Sins would be punished, but we should not hate people.

As you know, it is the hardest task for Christians to love our enemy. Nonetheless, Jesus told us to “love your enemy,” which we should take and solve the task. Verse 36 in Luke 6 says, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” Our God does not give us what we cannot do. If we pray with faith, we can do it. Pray for the enemies. Surely the hatred will be changed to love.



Verse 35 says, “But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” The person who takes and does the hardest task will receive the great reward from God. That is the duty of all Christians.

Think of what your enemies are..... and from now on, please pray for the souls with your tears. Have mercy on them.

The Holy Spirit will give peace in your and their hearts. Amen.

If you are interested in being a “guest” author of Sacred Scribblings please contact church office,
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

--**Praise Ringers** (3rd-6th grades, 3:45pm) and **Seekers** (2nd-6th grades, 5:00pm) and **Youth Group** (7th-12th grades, 6:00pm) will begin next week on **Wednesday, September 13th**. The sign-up paper work is available today. There will be a Praise Ringers parents' meeting after worship in the chapel.

--**Electronic Giving** is now available for Overbrook UMC. Go to the church website (www.overbrookumc.org) and click on Electronic Giving. This enables you to have funds transferred from your checking account directly to the church checking account for your pledge and donations. You can also use a debit or credit card. Questions? Contact J. A. Cordts (785-665-7561) or Shirley Cole (785-665-7661).

--We are collecting supplies for **flood buckets** to send to the Texas areas flooded by Hurricane Harvey. Items needed are listed on the table at the back of the sanctuary and should be at the church by **Monday, September 11th**. Money to purchase these items may also be donated.

--If you would like to send a monetary donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help with the flood recovery in Texas, please make your check out to Overbrook UMC and mark it for UMCOR Advance #901670.

--**GPconnect** – Do you want to learn and know more about current issues and events in our Great Plains Conference and United Methodist Church around the world? Please go to the website, www.greatplainsumc.org/subscribe and register; it is free and easy. You can get the weekly GPconnect e-mail.

--**5-Rivers District Seminar/Workshop** – “The Life Cycle of Congregations” – **Saturday, Sept. 30th, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at Worden UMC**. Contact the church office by Sept. 21st to register.

NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, 9-10-17

9:00 am – Sunday School
9:45 am – Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am – Worship
11:15 am – Church Council
11:15 am – Praise Ringers Parents Meeting

Monday, 9-11-17

7:00 pm – Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, 9-12-17

2:30 pm – Worship at Assisted Living

Wednesday, 9-13-17

1:30 pm – Painting group
3:45 pm – Praise Ringers
5:00 pm - Seekers
6:00 pm – Praise & Worship service
6:00 pm – Youth Group
6:30 pm – Bible study class
7:00 pm – Chancel Choir

Saturday, 9-16-17

7:00 am – TOPS

Sunday, 9-17-17

9:00 am – Sunday School with Ice-cream party
9:45 am – Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am – Worship