

# Tough Love - Loving the Unlovable

Sunday, June 14  
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Obnoxious: annoying or objectionable due to being a showoff or attracting undue attention to oneself:

Rude: discourteous or impolite, esp. in a deliberate way; without culture, learning, or refinement, unmannerly, rough, harsh, or ungentle

Sarcastic: sharp taunting (ironic & caustic) and ridicule that wounds

Arrogant: making claims or pretensions to superior importance or rights; overbearingly assuming

Gossips, Liars, and Bullies

Narcissist: self centeredness, entitlement

Masochist: the tendency to set yourself up to get hurt, victimized, or taken advantage of.

## 1. Watch out, we may be talking about \_\_\_\_\_

*No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear.*

**Ephesians 4:29**

*To fear the Lord is to hate evil. I hate arrogant pride, evil conduct, and perverse speech.*

**Proverbs 8:13**

*When pride comes, disgrace follows, but with humility comes wisdom.*

**Proverbs 11:2**

*The sensible man's wisdom is to consider his way, but the stupidity of fools deceives them.*

**Proverbs 14:8**

<sup>27</sup>*The intelligent person restrains his words, and one who keeps a cool head is a man of understanding.*

<sup>28</sup>*Even a fool is considered wise when he keeps silent, discerning when he seals his lips.*

**Proverbs 17:27-28**

## 2. How can I practice \_\_\_\_\_?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup>*My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger,* <sup>20</sup>*for man's anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.*

**James 1:19-20**

*Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger,*

**Ephesians 4:26**

<sup>12</sup>*Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water.* <sup>13</sup>*Who is wise and has understanding among you? He should show his works by good conduct with wisdom's gentleness.* <sup>14</sup>*But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't brag and deny the truth.* <sup>15</sup>*Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.* <sup>16</sup>*For where envy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every kind of evil.* <sup>17</sup>*But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without favoritism and hypocrisy.*

<sup>18</sup>*And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.*

**James 3:12-18**



**b. Die to \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. <sup>39</sup>But I tell you, don’t resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup>As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. <sup>41</sup>And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup>Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup>But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don’t even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing out of the ordinary? Don’t even the Gentiles do the same?

**Matthew 5:38-47**

<sup>37</sup>The person who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; the person who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever doesn’t take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>Anyone finding his life will lose it, and anyone losing his life because of Me will find it.

**Matthew 10:37-39**

Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

**Philippians 2:3**

**c. Tough love is our \_\_\_\_\_**

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**d. Realize God is \_\_\_\_\_**

A false witness will not go unpunished, and one who utters lies will not escape.

**Proverbs 19:5**

<sup>19</sup>Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for His wrath. For it is written: Vengeance belongs to Me; I will repay, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>But If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head. <sup>21</sup>Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

**Romans 12:19-21**

<sup>5</sup>But because of your hardness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath, when God’s righteous judgment is revealed. <sup>6</sup>He will repay each one according to his works: <sup>7</sup>eternal life to those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup>but wrath and indignation to those who are self-seeking and disobey the truth but are obeying unrighteousness;

**Romans 2:5-8**



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