



Be Perfect? Be Purple?

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How can I love like God commands?

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
Matthew 5:48

The Logs in Our Eye: The Impractical Paradigms

1. The “**must do**” camp.

2. The “**can’t do**” camp.

An Alternative Reading: *The Grace Participation Program*

The Grace Participation Paradigm: *A Practical Holiness of Love*



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Home Church Questions...

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. Where in your life do you strive for perfection?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Review the teaching from Sunday. What thoughts or ideas struck you either as intriguing or left you with further questions?
3. Read **Matthew 5:43-48**, in multiple translations if possible
 - a. What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why?
 - b. As you heard or read the passage, would you say you're drawn into either of the camps that Jarrod talked about – the “must do” camp or the “can't do” camp?
 - c. Who comes to mind when you think of someone who has demonstrated enemy love (**verse 44**)?
 - d. While most of us don't have enemies in the fullest sense of the word, most of us have some people in our lives who we struggle to get along with or who we feel persecute us in different ways. Generally speaking, what types of people would you say fit that category for you?
 - e. **Verses 46 and 47** challenge us to not only love those who love us and be kind to our friends, but to go beyond that. Are there people that are slightly outside your circle that you, as a home church, could look to build relationships with, show kindness and love to?
 - f. Look at **verse 48** again. How do different translations address the word *teleios* (perfect)? What do you think about the idea of understanding perfection as “loving completely”?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

4. How can you help the others in your huddle move away from either being “must do” or “can't do” people?
5. What areas of your life do you feel God is challenging you to practically show love to the people around you as you head into the rest of this week – particularly those who you might struggle with?
6. Take some time to talk about how you can support each other in the things you've shared in your huddle and then pray for each other as you close.

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