

## **Be Different (Part VI) – Be Perfect (Be Loving)**

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1. This series is entitled “Be Different”. This week, the instruction is to Be Perfect. Read John 17:22-23 and Hebrews 6:1 to help as you describe what that means.
  
2. Pastor Steve stated that we can have a lot wrong with us and still be perfect. Does that make any sense to you?
  
3. In this study we consider relationships with those we consider our enemies. In previous discussions in this series, we have considered relationships with people we know (brothers & sisters in the church, spouses, business associates, and adversaries). It seems strange to even both talking about “love” and “enemies” in the same sentence. Do perfect people have enemies?
  
4. How do we make or identify our enemies?
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  - b)
  
5. Read Matt 5:43 – 45. Here we find God treating everyone the same, whether they love Him or hate Him. That seems neither fair nor reasonable. Why would He do that?
  
6. Matt 5:45 talks about us being sons (children) of our Heavenly Father. How is loving God as a child loves his father different from loving God as a servant would love his master?
  
7. This is not just a New Testament teaching. Take a look at Leviticus 19:16-18. How does God contrast Himself from us?

8. Prov. 24:28-29 sounds a lot like a directive that we teach our children. What is it and how is this different?

9. In Proverbs 25:21-22, we hear some difficult words to swallow. Do we help our enemy to get rewards?

10. Read Matt 5:46-48. God expects different behavior from believers. What does that look like?

11. Read Luke 6:26-28. What specific actions are we commanded to do as we love our enemies? What possible logic would justify such an approach?