

1) What's being asked of us?

Matthew 5:43-44 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor² and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

2) Why is it being asked of us?

Matthew 5:45 "that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous..."

3) Who is the object of our obedience?

Matthew 5:46-47 "If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

4) How do we do it?

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

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