

# The Greatest Teaching Ever: How to Handle Conflict

## Matthew 5:43-48 (NLT) & Luke 6 :27-28

Jesus taught us \_\_\_\_\_

1. Speak \_\_\_\_\_

Bless those who curse you **Luke 6:28 (NIV)**

A gentle answer deflects anger. **Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)**

2. Respond \_\_\_\_\_

Do good to those who hate you **Luke 6:27 (NIV)**

If your enemies are hungry feed them, if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. **Romans 12:20 (NIV)**

3. Pray \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for those who persecute you. **Matthew 5:44 (NIV)**

4. Act \_\_\_\_\_

That you may be children of your Father in heaven. **v45a (NLT)**

For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. **v 45b (NLT)**

5. Be \_\_\_\_\_

If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. <sup>47</sup> If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. **v 46 & 47 (NLT)**

**Romans 12:19-20 (NLT)** Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. <sup>20</sup> Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink."

6. Aim for \_\_\_\_\_

But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. v 48

Finally...

**Romans 5:10 (CEV)** Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us. Yet something even greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, we will be saved by his Son's life.

*Additional Notes:*