

# Luke 6:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

## Analysis

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If ye do good to them which do good to you what thank have ye for sinners also do even same. Do good agathopoiēte benefit help. To them which tous agathopoiountas those doing good. Same pattern as v. 32. Doing good to those who reciprocate is natural. No special credit. Even sinners do this. Golden Rule do unto others as they do unto you. Christian ethic is do unto others as you would have them do regardless their treatment. Unilateral not reciprocal. Grace not merit. Reformed theology emphasizes grace-based ethics. Treat others based on God grace to us not their treatment of us.

## Historical Context

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Good deeds to those who reciprocate is natural morality. Secular humanism can do this. Christian distinctiveness is unilateral love good deeds regardless response. Good Samaritan loved enemy despiser. Joseph forgave brothers who sold him. Stephen forgave those stoning him. Jesus forgave crucifiers. This is supernatural requires grace. Medieval church indulgences tried to earn merits. Reformation grace alone. Works are fruit of grace not earning favor. Modern church social justice without gospel can become mere humanism. Must be gospel-driven grace-enabled supern atural love.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

### Study Questions

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1. How does command to do good unilaterally challenge natural reciprocal morality?
2. What role does gospel grace play in enabling supernatural doing good to all?

### Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἔὰν ἀγαθοποιοῦντας τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς  
**And if to them which do good** G2532 G1437 G15 G3588 **to them which do good to you** G15 G5209

ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστίν καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ  
**what ye thank have And for** G4169 G5213 G5485 G2076 G2532 G1063 G3588 **sinner** G268

αὐτὸ ποιοῦσιν  
**the same also do** G846 G4160

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