

The Magnanimous Jesus

(Daniel Israel – 6.5.22)

Matthew 5:44-48

44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors, do they not do the same?

47 And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others?

Even the Gentiles, do they not do the same?

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

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Philippians 4:5

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4.5 “Let your **epieikes** be known to everyone.”

Translated: gentleness, reasonableness, forbearance, and modesty.

2 Corinthians 10.1

“I, Paul, exhort you by the meekness and epieikeias of Christ...”

Translated: gentleness, clemency, modesty.

To wrap up - A Magnanimous Spirit

1. forgives and forgets, as Christ did.
2. overlooks and forbears
3. gives generously
4. loves the enemies too!
5. is merciful, and compassionate