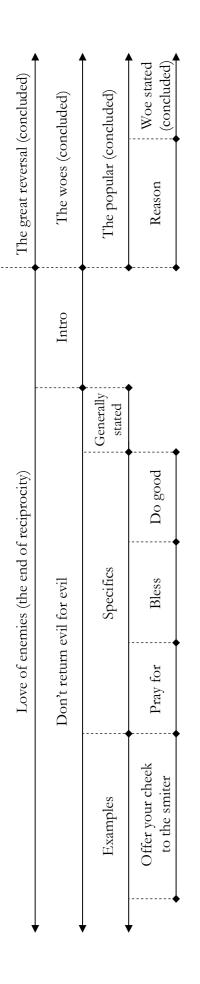
Luke 6:20-49 Jesus' ministry in Galilee: the Sermon on the Plain 20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed Blessing stated be ye The poor poor: for Reason yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed Blessing stated are ye The hungry The Beatitudes that hunger now: for Reason ye shall be filled. Blessed Blessing stated are ye The weeping that weep now: for Reason ye shall laugh.

Audience

The great reversal

1				<sup>22</sup> Blessed		
			Blessing stated	are ye,		
				when		
				men shall hata		
				shall hate		
				you, and		
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The great reversal (continued)	The Beatitudes (continued)			the Son of man's		
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				<sup>23</sup> Rejoice ye		
			Response commanded	in that day, and		
				leap		
				for joy:		
				for,		
			Reason	behold,		
				your reward		
				<i>is</i> great		
				in heaven:		
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The great reversal (continued)	Beatitudes (concluded)	The hated and rejected (concl)	Reason (concl)	for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.		
		ch	Woe stated	<sup>24</sup> But woe unto you that are rich!		
	The woes	The rich	Reason	for ye have received your consolatio		
		The full	Woe stated	<sup>25</sup> Woe unto you that are full!		
			Reason	for ye shall hunger.		
		The laughing	Reason Woe stated	Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.		
		The popular	Woe stated	<sup>26</sup> Woe unto you, when		



all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. 29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and

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Love of enemies (the end of reciprocity) (continued)	Don't return evil for evil (concluded)	Summary in positive form: the Golden Rule ("as also")	Don't seek returnGive to anyAllow your clothesof stolen goodsthat askto be taken		him that taketh away <u>thy</u> cloke forbid not <i>to take</i> <i>thy</i> coat also.
	Proper motivation for actions	Stated negatively: not for return th	Loving those who love you	There's no credit for this	ALSO to them likewise. <sup>32</sup> For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye?

of <u>thee;</u> and

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			Love (concluded)	Reason	sinners also
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					that love them. And
			no	There's no credit for this	if
			Doing good to those who do good to you		ye <b>do good</b>
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					which <b>do good</b> to you,
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Love of enemies (the end of reciprocity) (continued)	Ч				ye hope
					to receive,
					what <b>thank</b>
					have ye?
				Reason	for
					sinners also
					lend
					to sinners,
					to receive
					as much again. <sup>35</sup> But
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			Great reward	
ity) (continued)	continued)	lt	Will be His child	
Love of enemies (the end of reciprocity) (continued)	Proper motivation for actions (continued)	Result	Reason	
		ositive form also")	Be merciful	
		Summary in positive form ("as also")	Reason	
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love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the **evil**. <sup>36</sup> Be ye therefore merciful,  $\boldsymbol{AS}$  your Father ALSO is merciful.

	I respond with evil	I respond with good
Someone does evil to me	Returning evil for evil Negative reciprocity: Revenge Payback Retaliation Getting even Self-defense?? This is the natural response, and the world assumes this is proper and deserved. Jesus didn't do this; we can't.	Returning good for evil General Reciprocity: • Loving enemies • Do good to those who hate • Bless those who curse • Pray for those who abuse This is what the Father does. This is how Jesus lived. This is alone worthy of reward. This is how we must live.
Someone does good to me	Returning evil for good Criminal acts: • Fraud • Theft • Robbery This is obviously always wrong and even the unsaved know it.	Returning good for good Balanced reciprocity: Market exchanges You scratch my back It's nice to be nice to the nice This is not a bad thing, but it is not extraordinary and not worthy of reward. Even 'sinners' do this; the mafia lives by this code. Jesus says there is no 'credit' for this.