

## “The Love List”

I. Introduction: Getting ready for Jesus to come includes eliminating the problem people in our life. (My mother and the Doctor)

II. “Love your enemies”- Learning how to be perfect in our ability to love. Matthew 5:44-48

A. Make a “love list” of the problem people in your life and pray daily for them.

B. Love covers sins. “Above everything, love one another earnestly, because love covers over many sins.” 1 Peter 4:8 (TEV) Whose sins need to be dealt with?

C. Closure on the problem people in our life promotes peace and rest. (My grandmother & Olive)

III. “Bless them that curse you”

A. Pray for the ability to bless them by thinking, speaking, and acting positively toward them.

B. Ask God for the gift of forgiveness.

IV. “Do good to them that hate you.”

A. Serving our enemy-Romans 12:20&21

B. The ordinance of humility is about becoming a servant and learning how to serve anyone.

V. To be perfect in our ability to love, we need to “Pray for them which despitefully use us and persecute us.” (Terry and his neighbor)