I don't know about you, but I'm tired of the elections. When I watch politics (which I seldom do) I get upset. WHY? Because it is so hard to tell who is telling the truth. It is hard to know who is simply saying what they think people want to hear merely to get elected. I have had friends who get so animated and passionate about a political viewpoint that they cannot tolerate an opposing opinion. I never asked them, but I wonder how they would feel if I quoted these verses about their political opponents. No matter what the political scene may be we are still required to act in ways that show the reality of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Let's look at these verses together.

Luke 6:35-36 *(ESV) But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. [36] Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*

A Godward Life Vol. 1 "When you act this way, you prove to be chips off the Old block. That is the way your Father is. So you show that you are born of God. You have his nature. You prove to be his children." (Piper - p 272)

It seems humanly impossible to love those who hate us, mistreat us, or put us down for our belief and trust in Jesus. And it is "humanly impossible" but God is asking us to live out the TRUTH of what has happened in our lives. If we have truly been Born Again, if we have been Transformed by the Power of GOD, then these verses are Possible because HE is living in us. We cannot do this in our own power, but the Power of God at work in us can make it happen. God's work in us can help us to love even our enemies.

PRAYER: Lord, please help me to live my life so that Your Power is clearly seen in and through me. Help me Lord, to show everyone who sees me that I truly am YOUR child.

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