

sermon notes

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TODAY'S SERMON: HEAVENLY MINDED

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 5:43-48 (NIV)

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HOW TO BE HEAVENLY MINDED

① Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

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But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute
you,

Matthew 5:44 (NIV)
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- When we love our enemies, we truly show Jesus is Lord of our lives.

② Be perfect as your heavenly Father is.

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Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48 (NIV)
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- As a follower of Christ, our goal is to be like Him.

AREAS IN WHICH WE CAN STRIVE TO BE PERFECT

1 In character

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

- We must show Christ's character at all times.

2 In holiness

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)

- We need to separate ourselves from the world's sinful values.

3 In maturity

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

Hebrews 6:1 (NIV)

- There are different behaviors God expects from different spiritual areas.

4 In love

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

- Love is the greatest thing we can show to God and to others.

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