"Do I have to love these people?"
Matthew 5:21-26

Notes on the text:

1. ABOUT _____.....

[Jesus]: "He looked around at them in anger…" **Mark 3:5**

"In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent." **Psalm 4:4 (NIV)**

"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] and do not give the devil a foothold." **Ephesians 4:26-27 (NIV)**
"opportunity" NASB; "place" KJV

"There is nothing that can be done with anger that cannot be done better without it." **Dallas Willard   p. 151, The Divine Conspiracy**

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, [20] for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." **James 1:19-20 (NIV)**

2. ABOUT _____.....

"But I say to you ….whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council…." **Matthew 5:21-22 (ESV)**

"Throw out the mocker, and fighting goes, too. Quarrels and insults will disappear." **Proverbs 22:10 (NLT)**

"Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads [40] and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" **Matthew 27:39-40**

3. ABOUT _____ **.....**

"attitude of utter disgust or hatred: a powerful feeling of dislike toward somebody or something considered to be worthless, inferior, or undeserving of respect"
BING Online Dictionary

"*He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt…*"   **Luke 18:9 (ESV)**

"*Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us, for we have endured much contempt.*
4 We have endured much ridicule from the proud, much contempt from the arrogant."
Psalm 123:3-4 (NIV)

SOME PRACTICAL HELP:

1. DON'T ACCEPT _____ **.**

2. DO ALL YOU CAN TO RECONCILE B _____ **.**
Matthew 5:23-25 & Matthew 18:15-17

3. REMEMBER _____ **TO RECONCILE YOU TO HIM.**

"*For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*"
Romans 5:10 (NIV)