

Assurance Management #5 – Matthew 5:38-42

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"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' **39** But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. **40** If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. **41** And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. **42** Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away."

Assurance Management #6 -

Matthew 5:38: "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'"

1. Where was it said?
 - A. Miscarriage-**Exodus 21:22-27**;
 - B. Scarring-**Leviticus 24:17-22**;
 - C. False Witness-**Deuteronomy 19:14-21**
2. It was the legal punishment for crimes to the person, NOT personal retaliation!

Assurance Management #7 -

Matthew 5:39: "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also."

1. Leave "getting even" to God
**Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:28-31;
Deuteronomy 32:35-36**
2. This doesn't forbid renouncing evil-doers
John 18:19-24; Acts 23:1-5
3. Wisdom is against retaliation
Proverbs 20:22; 24:29

Assurance Management #8 -

Matthew 5:40: “If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also.”

1. Which garment one is sued for is indifferent, because **Luke 6:29** shows that it is a “package deal,” that is, be willing to settle.
2. Especially if this involves a brother in Christ! **1 Corinthians 6:1-8**
3. Remember **Matthew 5:25**?

Assurance Management #9 -

Matthew 5:41: "And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two"

1. This is what happened to Simon of Cyrene **Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21**
2. Jesus used this to show His Kingly authority **Matthew 21:1-7; Zechariah 9:9**

Assurance Management #10 -

Matthew 5:42: "Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away."

1. An Old Testament principle

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

2. Now a New Testament principle

Luke 6:29-36

3. NOT, however, indiscriminately so, but erring toward the merciful side.

4. God gives "according to His will"

1 John 3:22

Matthew 5:43-48: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I say to you, 'love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **46** For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **47** And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? **48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.'"

Matthew 5:43: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

1. Where is the source of this quote?

a. NOT in Leviticus 19:18

b. BUT in Rabbinical "interpretations"

2. When uninspired people give their commentary, interpretation, or application of Scripture, it is not the same as Scripture saying something! Ecclesiastes 8:1

Jesus' teaches His point! Mark 4:33-34

OR Scripture makes its own point!

Matthew 9:10-13; 12:1-8

Matthew 5:44-45: But I say to you, 'love your enemies, **bless** those who curse you, **do good to** those who hate you, **and pray for** those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;** for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.'"

- 1. Love is inclusive of "grace & mercy" or seeing their need for good in their misery**
- 2. God sets the example every day that some good must be done regardless of others' attitudes toward us.**

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- 1. "Flat-lining" love is NOT acceptable!**
- 2. "Perfection" is in consistently-applied attitude, not sinless actions!**
Luke 6:36; 1 Peter 1:15-16
- 3. It's NOT impossible! Ephesians 5:1-2**