



## Lesson #5: Life Lessons About Revenge (5:38-42)

This most important sermon could be called “The \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum” because it contains everything Jesus wants His followers to live by.

- 1) First, Jesus talked about the \_\_\_\_\_ of kingdom citizens
- 2) Next, Jesus talked about the \_\_\_\_\_ of kingdom citizens
- 3) Here, Jesus talked about the \_\_\_\_\_ towards others of kingdom citizens

This passage is the source of four well-known sayings:

- “An \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “Turn the other cheek.”
- Go the \_\_\_\_\_ mile.”
- Give him the \_\_\_\_\_ off your back.”

Jesus is concerned about our relationships. In this passage He is teaching us that as we relinquish our \_\_\_\_\_ we will build our \_\_\_\_\_. The more tightly you hold your rights the more you will squeeze out your relationships.

### YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_

- A. The law of an eye for an eye was given as a \_\_\_\_\_ code  
Christ quotes and action law found in the Code of \_\_\_\_\_ (18<sup>th</sup> C. BC).  
The essence of the law is that the punishment should fit the crime. \_\_\_x the Old Testament picks up the same code (Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:19; Deut. 19:21).
- B. The law of an eye for an eye was *never* given as a \_\_\_\_\_ code  
This ancient law took punishment out of the realm of \_\_\_\_\_ vengeance.  
You do not have the right to seek vengeance or try to get even.

### YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_

When someone wrongs you, how should you respond?

- A. Learn to resist \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Jesus is not teaching we should be \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Jesus is not mandating that we should be \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Jesus is not teaching we should \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves

#### B. Do not resist \_\_\_\_\_

The context lends meaning to this verse. The context is all about \_\_\_\_\_ relationships. Note the use of the personal pronouns.

Jesus is saying, “Don’t allow yourself to stand locked in a battle with an evil person.” Don’t get yourself in a battle of the \_\_\_\_\_. You will not win.

### YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus uses 4 very personal and powerful illustrations.

- A. Release your right to personal dignity when your \_\_\_\_\_ is under attack  
Jesus is referring to an insult. It’s unlikely that you will be slapped in the face this afternoon but you might be \_\_\_\_\_ abused.
- B. Release your right to personal dignity when you face loss of \_\_\_\_\_  
In a litigious society where suing and counter suits are prevalent this is especially important to consider. Jesus is saying, “I want you to give up your right to personal security.”
- C. Release your right to personal dignity when you face loss of personal \_\_\_\_\_  
There are a lot of people who try to do as little as possible today. As long as they consider themselves basically good, they think that is enough. But Jesus says, “Do more than expected. Do more than \_\_\_\_\_. Go beyond the minimum. Go the extra mile!”
- D. Release your right to personal dignity when you face loss of \_\_\_\_\_  
Don’t clutch your personal property so tenaciously that your uncaring spirit is pushing people away. Be open and gracious to others.

#### CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

There is a pathway through which peace can be enjoyed with others.

*“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in \_\_\_\_\_ of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.” (Phil. 2:3)*

Do you desire to be truly transformed in your relationship with others? Then be transformed by the way you view your right to revenge. You will never know right relationships until you learn to relinquish your \_\_\_\_\_.