

Message Notes

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*The Politics Of Jesus
Life In The Kingdom 3
Matthew 5:38-48
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- We see the _____ - _____ way of Jesus' kingdom in __ "But I tell you's."
- How can we be _____ & _____ when people _____ us?

"But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." Matthew 5:39

Do Not Resist An Evil Person (Matthew 5:38-42)

- Jesus quotes the *Lex Talionis*, then calls us to _____ it. Deut 19:16-21
- Don't seek _____ or _____ evil w/evil, but love _____. Micah 6:8
- Respond with _____ boundaries & ____ - _____ the relationship.
- Show them a better way: _____ expectations, _____ generously.

"But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:44-45a

Love Your Enemies (Matthew 5:43-48)

- Jesus quotes & _____ a _____ version of God's law. Lev 19:18
- *Love* = a deliberate, thoughtful seeking another person's _____. Rom 5:8,10
- _____ & keep on praying _____ them; _____ & do not curse. Lk 23:34
- _____ to them as Your Father has done to you. Mt 5:45; Rom 12:17-21
- Why? It reveals _____ you belong to & you _____ in the dark. Mt 5:16

"Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you."
Matthew 5:48 MSG

- _____ is Jesus inviting me to practice this kind of _____?

Examples Of Mistreatment

Insults/verbal abuse

Slander/character assassination

Identity theft

Bullying

Confiscation of property

Destruction of property

Harming a loved one

Arrest

Imprisonment

Beatings

Torture

Murder or Execution