

#SayWhat

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Matthew 5:38-42



Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. ⁴¹ If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. ⁴² Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow. ⁴³ “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy.



Matthew 5:38-48

⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸ But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.





Matthew 5:39

But I say, do not resist an evil person!





Jesus isn't telling us to be weak and passive; he's telling us not to be vindictive.





Matthew 5:42

***Give to those who ask, and don't turn away
from those who want to borrow.***





It's our responsibility to practice generosity, but it's also our responsibility to practice discernment.





Matthew 5:48

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But you are to be **perfect**, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

teleios: to reach an intended end or completion





**We are never more like God than when
we love those who don't love us.**





Romans 5:8

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.





1 John 4:19

We love each other because he loved us first.



Don't Respond To Insults

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Don't Respond To Insults

Proverbs 12:16

A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.



Don't Respond To Insults

1 Peter 3:9

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.



Do More Than Is Required To Make Things Right

Matthew 5:40

If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.



Do More Than Is Required To Make Things Right

Exodus 22:26-27

If you take your neighbor's cloak as security for a loan, you must return it before sunset. 27 This coat may be the only blanket your neighbor has. How can a person sleep without it? If you do not return it and your neighbor cries out to me for help, then I will hear, for I am merciful.



Do More Than Is Required To Make Things Right

If you have a debt that you haven't paid, and get sued as a result, do more than is legally required of you to make the debt right.



Do More Than Is Required To Make Things Right

In order to do this, you have to be willing to admit that you are wrong, and you have to be willing to make restitution.



Live With It Till You Live Up To It

**If you make a promise, you can't break it.
You have to live with it until you live up to
it. It's not always easy, but it's right.**



Do More Than Is Required To Make Things Right

Luke 19:8

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”



Treat Mistreaters With Kindness

Matthew 5:41

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.



Treat Mistreaters With Kindness

There's no greater way to show God's love than to be kind to someone who hasn't treated you with kindness.



Don't Show Favorites

Matthew 5:41

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.



Don't Show Favorites

***"All things being equal, people buy from friends. All things being unequal people still buy from friends. Therefore, make friends!"
– Mark McCormick***



Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

