
Romans 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

■ *Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* ■

1 Peter 2:20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. [21] To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

■ *1 Peter 2:23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.* ■

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Philippians 1:21 For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

■ *Galatians 2:20 ...Christ lives in me.* ■

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Tough Relationships

Overcoming Bad Passions—part 5

Matthew 5:38-48; August 3, 2014

Matthew 5: the two “selves”.

- 1. Dignity. ■
2. _____.

A deeper view of “holiness.” Seen in our:

- 1. Actions. ■
2. Thoughts. ■
3. _____.
4. _____ practices.

■ Principle #1: Passive, Non-Retaliation. ■

Retribution.

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

Attitude when insulted. Am I easily offended?

Matt. 5:39 "But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Attitude toward injustice. Insist on our “rights?”

Matt. 5:40 And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

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Attitude toward demands upon self. Insist on fairness?

Matt. 5:41 If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

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Attitude toward possessions. Insist upon what’s “mine?”

■ *Matt 5:42 "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."* ■

2 Thess. 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

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Principle #2: Active, intentional love.

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

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Matthew 5:44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

■ *Matthew 5:45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.* ■

■ *Matthew 5:46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?* ■

■ *Matthew 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.* ■
