

**Generosity towards Offenders is More
Powerful than Getting Even
Matthew 5:38-42**

Main point: Disciples of Christ must _____ and follow Him.

I. In this passage Jesus is combating a wrong Pharisaical teaching about the _____ a person has to seek personal _____ .
Matthew 5:38-39

-Jesus is not refuting the Law of _____ contained in Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20, & Deuteronomy 19:21

-The Law of _____ was supported by God and was given to protect the public, punish offenders (_____ and not overly harsh), and to deter crime.
Deuteronomy 19:20-21

-The Law of Retaliation was meant to be enforced by the _____ of the people and was not about getting _____ revenge.
Leviticus 19:18

II. In approaching this passage we _____ remember that Jesus is addressing His _____ .
Matthew 5:1-2

This passage is not about _____ ethics or Christian _____ .

-God _____ in the upholding of justice and has specifically _____ human governments to do just that.
Romans 13:4

-This passage is not _____ Christians from being police officers, in the armed forces, etc.

This passage is about disciples of Jesus modeling a _____ attitude-the goal of the Sermon on the Mount is to get to the _____ of the Law.
Matthew 5:3-11

-Jesus does not provide an _____ list and only gives four examples of what dying to self looks like for His disciples.

1. When you are _____, even harshly, do not retaliate.

Matthew 5:39
Romans 12:17-21

2. Be willing to give up your _____ if that means that you can show the love of Christ.

Exodus 22:26-27
Matthew 5:40

3. Do not only do what is demanded (or asked) of you _____ but if possible do more than is _____ of you.

Matthew 5:41

4. Do not _____ meeting the needs of people when you have the means to do so.

Matthew 5:42

Remember that the key to this passage is the principle that is being established-do not make doctrine out of the examples or you will miss the point.

III. Disciples of Christ must live in a way that shows that in their hearts they have _____ to _____ .

-Jesus Christ is our _____ .
-In His _____ -Philippians 2:5-7
-In His _____ -John 13:1-11
-In His _____ -1 Peter 2:23

-Jesus Christ is our _____ -saving us from our continual desire for self pleasure and the consequences of such a life.
Galatians 2:20
2 Corinthians 5:14-15