

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 10, 1984

An Eye for an Eye
Matthew 5:38-42
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1. What the Jews did not understand:

Revenge is never possible for the Christian.

In personal relationships this practice did not apply.

Romans 13, the roll of the government: to carry the sword for justice. Justice should be served in the courts.

This lack of a revengeful spirit is totally lacking in us, but in Christ, with Christ living through us, it is possible.

A. Turn the other cheek.

This is speaking of a slap of an insult, not a blow of injury. It does not serve the other person to let them injure or kill you.

To this blow of insult we are to patiently endure, turn the other cheek.

B. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give him your coat also.

If the suit cannot be reconciled out of court and the court rules against you, you should pay the amount of damage plus. **Exodus 22** is the perfect law to govern sinful men.

1 Corinthians 6:1-7, disputes between Christians are not to be settled in the court, they should be handled within the church.

C. Whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two.

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Being pressed into service, do it and do more. This way we are not just getting by, it frees us from self.

D. Give to him who asks and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow.

2 Thessalonians 3:9-12; do not support the lazy.

We are not to resist lending because of a threat to our possessions.