

Is it Right to Retaliate?

Matthew 5:38-42

Introduction: The world delights in revenge. It is a human habit that leads to untold catastrophe. Today's message will feel like being left-handed in a right-handed world; it will feel backward. But don't tune out. Jesus has another amazing lesson on how to live.

**The common understanding of the law of retaliation.
(vs. 38)**

The Kingdom standard of non-violent, non-resistant mercy: Be willing to suffer loss yourself rather than cause another to suffer. (vs. 38-42)

The rule of mercy is the expected Kingdom attitude and behavior of Christ's followers.

Four examples of Kingdom non-resistant kindness and mercy

1. Your cheek

2. Your undergarment

3. Your path

4. Your money

Conclusion: We've all heard expressions like: "Bitterness is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." "Holding a grudge is like letting someone live rent-free in your head."
There is another way to live because there is a Savior of another Kingdom.