

The Gospel of Matthew

The teaching of Moses (v. 38)

Prevented excessive punishment

Prevented future offenses

Prevented personal revenge

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The teaching of Pharisees

Ignored the spirit of the Law

Instituted license of personal revenge

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The teaching of Jesus (v. 39-42)

The principle: Grace and Mercy

The pitfalls: Pride and selfishness

- Insults received (v. 39b)
- Integrity attacked (v. 40)
- Independence threatened (v. 41)
- Inhospitable attitude (v. 42)

