



“Abstain from Personal Retaliation”
Matthew 5:38-42

Romans 13:3-4

- I. Jesus cites the Torah’s demand for _____ judicial punishment that legalists had transformed into merciless vengeance (5:38).

Proverbs 20:22; 24:29; Deuteronomy 19:18-21

- II. Just as I understand Jesus to use hyperbole (overstatement for emphasis) in the eye gouging text of Matthew 5:29, the command to offer your other cheek to someone who slaps you could be a hyperbolic command to not respond with any form of personal _____ (5:39).

John 18:22-23

- III. The next hyperbole, giving an enemy much more than he sues you for, disarms Christians who defend and demand their _____ with eye for an eye legalism (5:40).

Exodus 22:26-27

- IV. When government officials command us to go a mile, the hyperbole of offering to go two mile is a metaphor for willing _____ to governmental _____, even when it is a foreign, occupying government like Rome making the demands (5:41).

- V. Our response to beggars and borrowers is _____, but cannot be a rigid template for reflexive giving to any and every request(5:42).

Deuteronomy 15:7-11