

Matthew 5:38-42

Lex Talionis

Don't get mad...get _____. Our culture is permeated by the pursuit of individual _____. When a general respect for the law is lost, so is the _____ of others. When these things happen, _____ is routinely replaced by _____.

I. The Mosaic Law

We have to examine the concept from the OT. Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deut 19:21. Moses describes a _____ here. That phrase means _____. The law was given to control _____, _____ and the desire for _____. Someone hits you, you want to _____. The teaching is to curtail _____ and to _____. The Lex Talionis was just because it matched the _____ to the _____. Human vengeance is never satisfied with _____. We want a _____ of _____ for an _____ of _____.

II. The Perversion of Mosaic Law

The perversion of the Lex Talionis for the Jews was that they saw the eye for an eye truth to give them _____. The law of God was turned into individual license. They saw it as a _____ for vengeance. The shredded _____.

III. The Teaching of Jesus

Jesus said "Don't _____." Romans 12:14-21. He uses 4 illustrations to make his point:

A. Jesus Highlights _____

The first right we give up is that of _____. Jesus refers to the way we respond to _____ and _____ here. The word "hit" here means _____.

B. Jesus Highlights _____

Jesus refers to a _____ here, an undergarment. He's not talking about robbery here. Clothing was valuable and very expensive in antiquity. The law permitted taking someone's _____ but not their _____. Jesus is not commanding us to give everything away

here. He *is* commanding us to give away the right to defend our _____ and _____ ourselves. So, if a legal judgment required was a certain amount, we should be willing to offer even _____ in order to show regret for our wrongdoing. It's better for us to be _____ than to be _____ and _____.

C. Jesus Highlights _____

Be assured that human bondage, slavery are consequences of the fall and have no place in His Kingdom. We, however, do have a God-given right to _____, although it is not to be _____ and _____ at the expense of _____. The Romans had a law that required a _____ to _____ a soldier's _____ for _____. Jesus said, if someone asks for _____, _____.

D. Jesus Highlights _____

The fourth right we are to surrender is _____. We don't like giving up something that is ours, even _____. When someone asks to borrow,

_____.
This is not referring to _____ requests.