

**The Sermon On The Mount**  
**Loving With Wisdom**  
**Matthew 5:38-42**

Romans 5:10 For if while **we were enemies** we were **reconciled** to God **by the death of his Son**, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

*The goal is to love others, which includes our enemies. How to do this requires great wisdom and often courage. Sometimes we are to avoid danger, however sometimes love requires us to pursue danger. We are called to defend the weak, which at times can be dangerous. Sometimes we are to defend ourselves, sometimes we willingly waive our rights and endure injustice.*

Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the **kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you, unless **your righteousness exceeds** that of the scribes and Pharisees, **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven**.

Matthew 5:48 **You therefore must be perfect**, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘**An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth**.’

Exodus 21:23 But if there is harm, then you shall pay **life for life**,

Exodus 21:24 **eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot**,

Exodus 21:25 **burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe**.

Leviticus 24:18 Whoever takes an animal’s life shall make it good, life for life.

Leviticus 24:19 If anyone injures his neighbor, **as he has done it shall be done to him**,

Leviticus 24:20 fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; **whatever injury he has given a person shall be given to him.**

Matthew 5:39 But I say to you, **Do not resist the one who is evil.** But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, **turn to him the other also.**

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil,** and he will flee from you.

Matthew 5:40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, **let him have your cloak as well.**

Exodus 22:26 If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, **you shall return it to him before the sun goes down,**

Exodus 22:27 for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

Matthew 5:41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, **go with him two miles.**

“the first mile renders to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; the second mile, by meeting oppression with kindness, **renders to God the things that are God's.**”

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Matthew 5:42 **Give to the one who begs from you,** and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

2Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: **If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.**

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold **good** from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Romans 12:16 **Live in harmony with one another.** Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Romans 12:17 **Repay no one evil for evil,** but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Romans 12:18 **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

Acts 14:5 When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them,

Acts 14:6 **they learned of it and fled** to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,

Acts 14:7 and there **they continued to preach the gospel.**

Acts 21:10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

Acts 21:11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, '**This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.**'"

Acts 21:12 When we heard this, we and the people there **urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.**

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? **For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.**"

Romans 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "**Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.**"

Leviticus 19:18 **You shall not take vengeance** or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.**

Proverbs 20:22 **Do not say, “I will repay evil”;** wait for the **LORD**, and he will deliver you.

Proverbs 24:29 **Do not say, “I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done.”**

Romans 12:20 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, **feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;** for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

1John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

1Peter 2:19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

1Peter 2:20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

1Peter 2:21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1Peter 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.

1Peter 2:23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, **but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.**

