

The Best Life

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THE BEST LIFE LAYS DOWN RIGHTS

MATTHEW 5:38-42

I. THE PRICE OF EYES AND TEETH (v. 38)

- The Law of Retaliation (Lex Talionis)

Exodus 21:23-25

Deuteronomy 19:21

Leviticus 24:19-21

- This law was created to settle matters of **DISPUTE** that could lead to **VIOLENCE**.
- This law produced rights.

II. THE JESUS WAY (v. 39a)

- “Don’t resist the one who is evil.”
- Don’t pursue the Law of Retaliation.
- Be **DIFFERENT**. (Proverbs 17:13; Romans 12:17-21)

III. EXAMPLES OF THE JESUS WAY (vv. 39b-42)

- First **BLOOD** doesn’t count. (v. 39b)
- No defense **LAWYER** is needed. (v. 40; Exodus 22:25-27)
- Go above and beyond. (v. 41; Matthew 27:32)
- Beggars and Borrowers are **WELCOMED**. (v. 42)

IV. WHAT’S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- Sit with this.
- Never forget, Jesus went first. (Philippians 2:5-8; John 10:18)

