



# GO THE SECOND MILE

MATT 5:38-42

## Deference vs. Offensiveness

*Say not, I will do to him as he has done to me; I will  
pay the man back for his deed.*

*Proverbs 24:29*



# Inductive Process

- ☐ **Step 1** – Draw a concept picture
- ☐ **Step 2** – Identify key words
  - **Step 2a** – Read scripture in context
  - **Step 2b** - Look up definition of key words
  - **Step 2c** - Re-write the scripture amplified
- ☐ **Step 3** – Create a list of your key questions
- ☐ **Step 4** – Look up cross reference scriptures
- ☐ **Step 4a** - Answer key questions
- ☐ **Step 5** – Paraphrase scripture
- ☐ **Step 6** – Personal Application
- ☐ **Step 6a** – Meditate Day and Night



# Concept Picture





# Scripture in Context

Matt 5:38-42

## Revenge

“You know that you have been taught, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

**But I tell you not to try to get even with a person who has done something to you.**

- 1. When someone slaps your right cheek, turn and let that person slap your other cheek. (Don't respond in kind)**
- 2. If someone sues you for your shirt, give up your coat as well. (Do Good)**
- 3. If a soldier forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. (Do Good)**
- 4. When people ask you for something, give it to them. (Do Good)**
- 5. When they want to borrow money, lend it to them.” (Do Good)**



# Key Words

1. **Do not Resist – 436** - from */antí*, "opposite/against" and */hístēmi*, "to stand") – properly, *take a complete stand against*, i.e. *refusing to be moved* ("pushed back"). ("oppose fully") *ardently withstand*, without giving up (letting go). "to strongly resist an opponent" ("take a firm stand against").]
2. **Evil - 4190** - pain, laborious trouble, *pain-ridden*, emphasizing the inevitable agonies (misery) that always go with evil.



# Key Questions

1. What's the difference between Justice and revenge?
2. Why does God ask us to not only NOT get revenge, but to go the extra mile for someone in the face of evil?
3. What does revenge say about me spiritually?
4. How did Christ respond?
5. What promise can I hold onto that God will take care of the situation?
6. How Must I Respond?



# What's the difference between Justice and revenge?

## Justice

The rendering to every one his due or right; just treatment; merited reward or punishment; that which is due to one's conduct or motives.

## Revenge

Used to express the infliction of punishment upon the wrongdoer. "to take revenge" may also imply a spiteful, wrong or malignant spirit.



Why does God ask us to not only NOT get revenge, but to go the extra mile for someone in the face of evil?

“For know that to this you have been called...that you may inherit a blessing”

1 Peter 3:9

“Never return evil for evil or insult for insult (scolding, tongue-lashing, berating), but on the contrary blessing [praying for their welfare, happiness, and protection, and truly pitying and loving them]. For know that to this you have been called, that you may yourselves inherit a blessing [from God—that you may obtain a blessing as heirs, bringing welfare and happiness and protection].”

“Knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. Called to a heritage of blessing they must live lives of blessing, for as a man soweth so also shall he reap (Ga 6:7).” Barnes



# What does revenge say about the state of my spirit?

**“You do not know of what sort of spirit you are”**

“Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to heaven], He steadfastly and determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem. And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make [things] ready for Him; But [the people] would not welcome or receive or accept Him, because His face was [set as if He was] going to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do You wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did? But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them. **He said, You do not know of what sort of spirit you are,** For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them [from the penalty of eternal death]. And they journeyed on to another village.” Luke 9:51-56



# Matthew Notes on Luke 9:55

“He shows them in particular their mistake: Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of; that is,

- (1.) "You are not aware what an evil spirit and disposition you are of; how much there is of pride, and passion, and personal revenge, covered under this pretence of zeal for your Master." Note, There may be much corruption lurking, nay, and stirring too, in the hearts of good people, and they themselves not be sensible of it.
- (2.) "You do not consider what a good spirit, directly contrary to this, you should be of. Surely you have yet to learn, though you have been so long learning, what the spirit of Christ and Christianity is. Have you not been taught to love your enemies, and to bless them that curse you, and to call for grace from heaven, not fire from heaven, upon them?
- (3) “You know not how contrary your disposition herein is to that which it was the design of the gospel you should be delivered into. You are not now under the dispensation of bondage, and terror, and death, but under the dispensation of love, and liberty, and grace, which was ushered in with a proclamation of peace on earth and good will toward men, to which you ought to accommodate yourselves, and not by such imprecations as these oppose yourselves.”



# How did Christ respond?

He was oppressed, [yet when] He was afflicted,

**1) He was submissive and opened not His mouth;**

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.

Isaiah 53:7

When He was reviled *and* insulted,

**2) He did not revile or offer insult in return;**

[when] He was abused *and* suffered,

**3) He made no threats [of vengeance]; but he trusted [Himself and everything] to Him Who judges fairly.**

He personally bore our sins in His [own] body on the tree [as on an altar and offered Himself on it], that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

1 peter 2:23,24



What promise can I hold onto that God will take care of the situation

If we “leave the way open for God’s wrath” – he will show up

Romans 12:19

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, **but leave the way open for [God’s] wrath**; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.”



# What promise can I hold onto that God will take care of the situation

## **Jeremiah 11:20**

I prayed, “LORD All-Powerful, you always do what is right, and you know every thought. So I trust you to help me and to take revenge.”

## **Isaiah 59:17**

Justice was the LORD’s armor; saving power was his helmet; anger and revenge were his clothes.

## **Deuteronomy 32:43**

Tell the heavens to celebrate and all gods to bow down to the LORD, because he will take revenge on those hateful enemies who killed his people. He will forgive the sins of Israel and purify their land.

## **2 Samuel 22:48**

You took revenge for me, and you put nations in my power.

## **Hebrews 10:30**

We know that God has said he will punish and take revenge. We also know that the Scriptures say the Lord will judge his people.



# What Must My Response Be Instead?

## ✓ Love them as much as you love yourself.

- Leviticus 19:18 - Stop being angry and don't try to take revenge. I am the LORD, and I command you to love others as much as you love yourself.

## ✓ Wait for God to rescue You

- Proverbs 20:22 - Do not say, I will repay evil; wait [expectantly] for the Lord, and He will rescue you.

## ✓ Don't rejoice at their harm

- Proverbs 24: 17 - Rejoice not when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles *or* is overthrown, Lest the Lord see it and it be evil in His eyes *and* displease Him, and He turn away His wrath from him [to expend it upon you, the worse offender].

## ✓ Fret not

- Proverbs 24:19 - Fret not because of evildoers, neither be envious of the wicked, For there shall be no reward for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

## ✓ Meet their practical needs

- Prov 25: 21,22 - If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For in doing so, you will heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord will reward you.

## ✓ Overcome evil with good

- Romans 12:20 - Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome **(master)** evil with good.

## ✓ Show kindness and seek to do good

- 1 Thes 5:15 - See that none of you repays another with evil for evil, but always aim to show kindness *and* seek to do good to one another and to everybody.



# Paraphrase/Personal Application/Meditation

1. *“For know that to this you have been called...that you may inherit a blessing”*

*1 Peter 3:9*

2. *“You do not know of what sort of spirit you are”*

*Luke 5:53*

3. *“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God’s] wrath;*

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# Group Prayer