

**March 21, 2018**  
**“Making a Difference through Service”**  
**Matthew 5:38-42**  
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*“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, don’t resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. <sup>40</sup> As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.”*

(Matthew 5:38-42)

**1. A Believer Doesn’t Take Offense (39)**

Cheek-slapping was more used to insult than to injure. A back-hand (*“turn the other to him also”*) was considered twice as insulting. A follower of Jesus sees all relationships in eternal rather than personal perspective.

**2. A Believer Doesn’t Stand on Rights (40)**

A garment taken in pledge had to be returned by nightfall. (Exodus 22:26-27) Jesus says, “Don’t insist on your rights; be generous in love.”

**3. A Believer Doesn’t Get by with the Minimum (41)**

“Going the second mile” has become metaphor for a lavish attitude.

**4. A Believer Doesn’t Hoard Resources (42)**

Christians become rivers of blessing rather than reservoirs of stagnation. While we are to be good stewards, God expects compassion and generosity.

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