

Fight For Your Right

Matthew 5:38-41 (NLT): ³⁸ "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. 41 If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. 42 Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.

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Look at Deuteronomy 19:18-21: ¹⁸ The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar, giving false testimony against a fellow Israelite, ¹⁹ then do to the false witness as that witness intended to do to the other party. You must purge the evil from among you. ²⁰ The rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such an evil thing be done among you. ²¹ Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Matthew 5:39-42: ³⁹ But I say, do not resist an evil person! "If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also." Do I value my reputation over righteousness? ⁴⁰ "If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too." ⁴¹"If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles." Do I value my rights over righteousness? ⁴² "Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow." Do I value my resources over righteousness?

Matthew 16:24-26 (NIV): ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

John 3:30 CEB: "He must increase and I must decrease."

- 1. Pause
- 2. Breathe
- 3. May he increase, help me decrease

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.