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Matthew 5:38-42

Matthew: Following the King of Kings
“Radical Generosity”

INTRODUCTION

1. THE LAW OF RESTITUTION

2. RADICAL GENEROSITY

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Where do you see Jesus using hyperbole in this set of verses? So if we're NOT to interpret the Lord's words hyper-literally, how do you read them? (See Matthew 5:38-42)
2. What is restitution? See Exodus 22:5. How does restitution apply to lost property? How does it apply to crimes against a person? See also Leviticus 24:19-20.
3. Is 'eye for an eye' a civil, moral, or ritual law? What's the difference? Why do we literally obey some but not others?
4. As a civil law 'eye for an eye' prevents vengeance. How does it do that? See Genesis 4:23.
5. What are the four examples that Jesus uses to illustrate what He means by "don't resist an evil person?"
6. Take a minute and briefly describe what Jesus means with each of His four examples.
7. Consider Philippians 2:4 and 1 Corinthians 10:24. Where are the limits to doing as the Word commands? Who are the "others" in Philippians 2? Who is my "neighbor" in 1 Corinthians?