

Love's Revenge

Matthew 5.38-42

If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

Proverbs 25.21-22_{NIV}

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

Romans 12.14-21_{NIV}

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12.14-21_{NIV}

"One of the first things to understand is that Jesus is not trying to implement a more demanding set of rules to supplant those of the Scribes and Pharisees. It is to establish a 'greater righteousness', a different understanding of how we should live as the 'People of God.'" [France NICNT pg. 218]

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Isaiah 42:6-7

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42.6-7_{NIV}

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.14-16_{NIV}

Turn the other cheek

But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

Matthew 5.39_{NIV}

Give up your coat

...and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give them your cloak as well.

Matthew 5.40_{NRSV}

Walk another mile

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Matthew 5.41_{NIV}

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23.34a_{NIV}

The story of the One True God and we as his people is not a disjointed story. It is the story where God the Father calls us, God the Son shows us, and God the Spirit empowers us to be the People of God.

New Creation People

Christianity has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found too difficult and therefore left untried.

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