

THE SECOND MILE. Matthew 5:38-48

1. An eye for an eye...tooth for a tooth.

Matt. 5:38, 39

Exod. 21:23-25

1. Jesus does not forbid judicial application of the law but personal revenge.

2. Turning the other cheek must be the Christian spirit...The great law of love.

*Examples: John 18:22; Acts 23:1-3*

2. If any man sue the and take thy coat...let him have thy cloak also. Matt. 5:40

1. Any man can give up his coat if a man sues and takes it. He has to do that.

2. Not many can go beyond that and give up the cloak which the adversary has no legal right to.

3. Who soever shall compell thee go a mile...go with him twain. Matt. 5:41

1. No train, telegraph, post offices, ETC. Men often were impressed into the service.

2. All men can do what they are compelled to do but not all men can do what they are not compelled to do.

4. If ye salute your brethren only what do ye more than others? Matt. 5:47

1. Jews would not speak to a Gentile, publican or sinner. Attitude of some brethren today.

5. Be ye perfect. Matt. 5:48

1. To carry out fully the great law of love taught here would lift any man to the Divine standard of perfection.

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