

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Matthew 5:38-48

Introduction:

1) Negative Perspective: The Principle of Non-Retaliatioin – 5:38-42

- a) The Principle Stated – vs. 38
- b) Four mini-illustrations 5:39-42
 - i) “Turn the other cheek”
 - ii) “Lose your shirt”
 - iii) “The extra mile”
 - iv) “Be a lender”

2) Positive Principle: “Love Your Enemies” - 5:-48

- a) The Principle Stated – 5:43-44a
- b) The Practice described
 - i) Do good to those who hate you
 - ii) Bless those who curse you
 - iii) Pray for those who persecute you
- c) The pattern imitated
- d) The pagan practice

Conclusion: