

## **Go The Extra Mile and Love Your Enemies**

Matt 5:38 is talking about not taking vengeance

The Jewish Civil Law is described in Exodus 21, Leviticus 24 and Deuteronomy 19

Proverbs 2:22, 24:29 and Luke 6:27-30 additional Scriptures about how to treat your enemies.

1 Cor 13:4-8 Love will counter your desire for vengeance.

Matt 5:39 Don't be like an evil person. Watch your heart! Don't let the actions against you cause your heart to harden.

Matt 5:40 There are consequences for wrongdoing. Act in a Godly manner, not a worldly one.

Matt 5:41 Go the extra mile. Don't do it begrudgedly, rather do it with mercy and grace.

Matt 5:42 When some one is in need, let God use you to meet their needs, trusting God will meet yours. God is your source!

Matt 5:43 Jewish tradition (not Scripture) said hate your enemy. The truth is you should love your neighbor as yourself. Who is your neighbor? The one in need near you, whether they are good to you or not. Don't twist Scripture for your own gain.

Matt 5:44 Instead you are to actively love your enemy. Bless them. Do good to them. Pray for them.

Matt 5:45 Extend mercy to everyone, like God does.

Matt 5:46-47 Do more than the worldly does.

Matt 5:48 Always strive to align with God. Don't be content where you are in your walk. Draw near to God as you work toward maturity (perfection) and completion (Christlikeness).

Here is how you need to live – be a witness by right-living. Be guided by Love. It is the Spirit of God that does the work in you.

James 5:20, 1 Peter 4:8, Prov 10:12, 1 John 4:7-8;16, John 3:16