

A people of Love

**38** “You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.[a] **39** But I tell you, don’t resist[b] an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. **40** As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt,[c] let him have your coat[d] as well. **41** And if anyone forces[e] you to go one mile, go with him two. **42** Give to the one who asks you, and don’t turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you .” (Matthew 5:38-42)

**27** “But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **29** If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don’t hold back your shirt either. **30** Give to everyone who asks you, and from one who takes your things, don’t ask for them back. **31** Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. **32** If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. **33** If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. **35** But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

From Greed to  
overwhelming generosity

From Control to Trust

Kingdom Principle: In the face of evil  
and evil people, we are called to bring  
about good.

Our opportunity: a clear,  
powerful, and effective witness.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. 8 But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us! 9 Much more then, since we have now been declared righteous by His blood, we will be saved through Him from wrath. 10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life! (Romans 5:6-10)