

How to Treat Those who Mistreat You.

Matt. 5:38-45 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*’ <sup>39</sup> But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

<sup>40</sup> If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also. <sup>41</sup> And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup> Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘*You shall love your neighbor* and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

<sup>45</sup> that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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Blessings come when you do above and beyond what is expected.

Blessings come when you do more than the minimum.

Blessings come when it's not all about you.

Blessings come when you bless others, even those who don't deserve it.



## Romans 12:17- 13:3 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*” says the Lord.

20 Therefore

*“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;  
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”*

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*13* Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

# Why go the Second Mile?

1. He is concerned for the person who doesn't know Jesus as his or her personal Savior.

## II Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

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b. Jesus desires that you grow in faith, that you grow in Christian maturity.

How are we to Respond to Challenging People?

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1. Bless those who curse you.

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2. Do good to those who hate you.

a. Forgive

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b. Looking for and meeting a specific need in that person's life is like heaping coals of fire on their head.

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3. Pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you.



