

## Questions for Matthew 5:38-42

1. What was the original Old Testament principle that Jesus was referring to in Verse 38? (Verse 38)
2. In what way does this Old Testament principle of civil law ensure punishment and protection for those that would break the law? (Verse 38)
3. Why are we not to resist evil, or evil people, as some translations put it? What is the message that is being sent to these individuals? (Verses 39-41)

4. What does it mean to turn the other cheek? How should this verse shape our views on violent conduct, self-defense and physical retaliation? (Verse 39)

5. Should we allow ourselves to be “mooched” off of and taken advantage of without giving any consequences to those that do it shamelessly, especially with brethren in Christ? (Verse 42)

6. There are many Christians that have a very hard time coping with any injustice in their lives. What are the keys for being able to suffer injustice and not become bitter or angry at the perpetrators? (Verses 39-42)