

MATTHEW

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is behind the principle stated in v. 38 (c.f., Leviticus 24:17-20)?

How could this come to be misused or misapplied?

2. Is not resisting an evil person an absolute?

- Romans 13:1-4
- Luke 22:35-38

3. To what does not resisting an evil person apply?

- 1 Corinthians 4:12
- 1 Peter 2:20-23

4. Rather than resist an evil person, our reaction is to be . . . (v. 39).

Why do we resist in such circumstances?

What do we not do (Romans 12:19)?

5. What does v. 40 suggest? Does it suggest anything about how we handle our rights? Does it suggest anything about our attitude toward our possessions?

6. What does v. 41 suggest? Does it suggest anything about how we handle our obligations?

7. What does v. 42 suggest? Does it suggest anything about our generosity?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will engage in above-and-beyond thinking this week by . . .

I will engage in above-and-beyond acting this week by . . .