

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 8—
Matthew 5:38-42—Have We No Rights?

1. (a) What is your first reaction when you read Matthew 5:38-42? (b) What do you think is Jesus' main point in these verses?
2. Memorize Matthew 5:38, 39.
3. (a) What does Paul say we should do in Romans 12:17-21 when we are wronged? (b) How do you reconcile Matthew 5:38-42 with Matthew 18:15-20?
4. (a) In what ways do you see David fulfilling what Jesus says in Matthew 5:39? Read 1 Samuel 24 for the answer! (b) How does this encourage you to do what is right even though it might be hard when you are the recipient of evil?
5. (a) Give a biblical example of someone who practiced at least one of Jesus' points in Matthew 5:39-42. If you can find one for each (total of 4), that's great! (b) After citing the biblical example, write what you can learn from their example for your own life.
6. (a) What are some things we can do as kingdom citizens to avoid the attitude or action of repaying evil for evil? (b) How do you or did you help your children with this concept?
7. (a) Are you in the habit of retaliation when someone does you wrong? (You might recall in your mind the last time you were wronged and what your reaction was!) (b) How has this lesson prompted you to act differently? Write your need down in the form of a prayer request.