

The Law of Love

Eye for an Eye	Love Your Neighbor	Giving Alms
<p>Matt 5:38 Ex 21:12-31 Lev 24:17-22 Dt 19:10-21 What was God's purpose? 1. Protect the innocent, punish the guilty 2. Punishment is set - fits the crime 3. Make people think before they act 4. Holds us accountable for our behavior 5. Protect innocent people from the ungodly, sinful man</p> <p>I Tim 1:8-10 - Law is there for the unrighteous Ecc 8:11 - when justice is not carried out quickly - men will do evil</p> <p>Matt 5:39-42 Mk 12:28-34 - Love God, Love neighbor Ro 13:8-10 - love is the fulfillment of the law I Cor 13:1-8 (vs 7) - turn the other cheek - Take shirt - give him your coat - love doesn't seek personal justice - my character is never altered by another's response to me - Force to go a mile - go 2 - love goes beyond what we are compelled to do - Give to those who ask - don't cling to personal possessions</p> <p>Definition of love - it wants the best for the person spiritually and eternally</p>	<p>Matt 5:43-48 Love your neighbor and hate your enemies II Chron 19:2 Lev 19:17-18</p> <p>Pharisees twisted Scripture - it never said to hate your enemies</p> <p>Jesus says - love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you</p> <p>Luke 10:25-37 - anyone is your neighbor - in need</p> <p>Ecc 3:8 - a time to love, a time to hate Ps 101:3 - I hate the work of those who fall away Pr 13:5 - righteous man hates falsehood</p> <p>Ro 12:14, 17, 19, 20-21; 13:8</p> <p>Love! Not curse but bless Don't pay evil for evil Don't take revenge Take care of your enemy Overcome evil by good</p>	<p>Matt 6:1 - getting to the heart of why we do what we do</p> <p>II Cor 5:9 - our ambition in life should be to be pleasing to God</p> <p>Gal 1:10 - Are we trying to please men?</p> <p>Dt 15:7-11 Pr 11:24-25 Ps 41:1-3</p> <p>Matt 6:2-4 Not supposed to draw attention to ourselves when we give to God - if we do, we already have our reward</p> <p>Give in secret to the Lord II Cor 9:7 - God loves a cheerful giver Eph 4:28 - we are to labor so we have something to share with those in need II Cor 8:1-5</p>