

## Notes

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# How do I Cope with My Adversary?

**Main Passage:** Matthew 5:38-42

## **Principles for Responding to Your Adversary:**

### **1. The “\_\_\_\_\_” Principle**

(Matthew 5:38-39; Exodus 21:24-25; Philippians 2:4; John 18:22-23; 1 Corinthians 10:33)

Matthew 5:38-39 (NLT)

“You have heard that the law of Moses says, ‘If an eye is injured, injure the eye of the person who did it. If a tooth gets knocked out, knock out the tooth of the person who did it.’ But I say, don’t resist an evil person! If you are slapped on the right cheek, turn the other, too.”

### ***When someone hurts you, you can...***

a. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

b. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

c. Get \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)

“Jesus was not forbidding the administration of justice, but rather forbidding us to take the law into our own hands.”

~ John Stott

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### **2. The “\_\_\_\_\_” Principle.**

(Matthew 5:40; Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 12:21-22)

Matthew 5:40 (NLT)

If you are ordered to court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.

### **3. The “\_\_\_\_\_” Principle.**

(Matthew 5:41; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 6:6-7)

Matthew 5:41 (NLT)

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.

Romans 12:17-19 (NLT)

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable. Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible.

Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God.

