

The Most Dangerous Mindset You Can Have

Matthew 5:38-48

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

I. The "You Have Heard" interpretation of the Old Testament Law

Old Testament parallel verses/historical explanation of this law

A. The purpose of the law was to prevent further _____ and to prevent personal _____.

B. The perversion of the law allowed man to be his own judge, _____ and _____.

What is the most dangerous mindset you could have?

It's not personal _____ or _____.

1. The _____ of this law was to include _____ in need.

2. The perversion of this law included an _____ and an _____.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____ of who to love.

II. The "I Tell You" explanation given by Jesus

A. Jesus was not advocating a resistance to _____ in and of itself.

B. Jesus was instead advocating the right response when personally _____ or _____.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

1. There was no worse _____ than being _____ in the face.

2. There was no better _____ than refusing to _____ back.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not a personal _____ back at someone.

1. There was to be a giving _____ of what was most _____.

2. There was to be a giving _____ of what would fix _____.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

1. The _____ had to carry the load of the _____.

2. The _____ was given to travel _____ the norm.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

1. _____ can only be shared and given away when you realize it's not your _____.

2. It really comes down to meeting _____ not asking why they _____ it.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

1. Our enemies are more often than not _____ people.

2. Our enemies are more often than not _____ people.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

1. We love not to _____ but to give evidence to the fact that we _____.

2. _____ grace is given to all whether we _____ it or not.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

1. It's not hard to _____ those who _____ you back.

What is the most dangerous mindset you can have?

It's not personal _____.

The most dangerous mindset you can have is to be content with _____ when the standard has always been _____.

1. Since we are _____ we pursue _____.

2. Since we are _____ we pursue _____.

While you may not hit perfection if you shoot for it, I can guarantee you that if you shoot for imperfection, you will always hit it.