

### TODAY'S TEACHING

# THE KINGDOM MANIFESTO-Talk 12 REVENGE-Matthew 5:38-42

#### ✓ THE TRUE INTENT OF THE LEX TALIONIS-THE LAW OF RETALIATION: V38

Exodus 21:22-26 Leviticus 24:17-20 Deut. 19:15-21

## ✓ <u>THE TRUE INTENT OF "DO NOT RESIST THE ONE WHO IS EVIL: v39</u>

#### TEAM TALK

- ✓ Have you ever wanted to exact revenge on someone, and did? How did it turn out?
- ✓ From today's teaching, did you catch the difference Jesus makes between governmental laws for the good of all people in society (v38) and our individual grace response to personal insults (v39)? This is an important concept to grasp! <u>Make sure all in the group grasp what Jesus is saying here.</u>
- ✓ Jesus is our Lord and commands us to respond as Graced Christians differently when we are individually insulted or mistreated. (v39) Why is it true that Jesus' way of relating actually demonstrates that we are coming from a stronger foundation rather than a weaker one?
- ✓ What could happen to those we're around if we are insulted and respond as confident Christ-followers?
- Can we allow others to mistreat us, but still be the kind of men who stand up to protect and defend other people in need of standing against evil?