

The Life of Christ

Sermon on the Mount >> Personal Relationships (Continued)

Matthew 5:42 **Give Generously**

Quoting Deuteronomy 15:7ff – directions to be generous to those in need. not to be taken to literal extremes, but in the spirit of caring for one another as we have ability to do so. Not a command for vows of poverty, see Deuteronomy.

Luke 6:30-36 Expansion of Matthew 5:42

- vs 30 A "loan" which is a gift, until proven otherwise
- vs 31 Who knew? The "Golden Rule" was in the context of giving, not behavior!
- vs 32-35 Love (help) your enemies
- vs 36 Be merciful to needs, in spite of wrongs or grievances, for God (Colossians 3:23)

Matthew 5:43-48 **Love your enemies**

- vs 43 Quoting Leviticus 19:17-18
- vs 43-47 Love, benevolence to all, not just to our own families, friends, and countrymen
- vs 48 Leviticus 19:1-2 "Be ye holy for I am holy"