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Jesus Teaching on Wrongs & Rights

Matthew 5:38-42

**How should a Christian respond when
we have been personally wronged?**

- 1. We're going to have to do battle
with the tendencies of our "dog-
eat-dog" mentality.**

“Dog-eat-dog”

- a situation in which people will do anything to be successful, even if what they do harms other people
- **ruthless self-interest**

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a. Responding to Personal
Insult (v.39)

- *Application: I must release my right to retaliation.*

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our grip on our personal rights.

b. Responding to a violation
of my rights (v.40)

▪ *Application: I must release my right
to cling to what is fair.*

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our grip on our personal rights.

c. Responding to unfair
treatment & unreasonable
demands (v.41)

▪ *Application: I must release my right
to be in control and/or get my way.*

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our grip on our personal rights.

d. Responding to being
used (v.42)

- *Application: I must release my right to the "MINE" syndrome.*

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1. We're going to have to do battle with the tendencies of our "dog-eat-dog" mentality.
2. We're going to have to release our grip on our personal rights.
3. We're going to have to respond with grace when it's the last thing we want to do or feel like doing.

agape love

a deliberate, determined love

Why??



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**It makes us more like
our Father *(v.45)*.**



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**It distinguishes us from
the world *(v.46-47)*.**

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**When we live like this, people
can't help but notice, and they
can't help but wonder *(v.46-47)*.**