



Cloverdale
Bible
Study

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Bait and Switch by Jesus
The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:28 - 29 (NLT) ²⁸After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught as one who had real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

To Fight or Not to Fight?

Fighting back is a _____ act

James 3:13 - 18 (NLT) ¹³If you are wise and understand God’s ways, live a life of steady goodness so that only good deeds will pour forth. And if you don’t brag about the good you do, then you will be truly wise! ¹⁴But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your hearts, don’t brag about being wise. That is the worst kind of lie. ¹⁵For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and motivated by the Devil. ¹⁶For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere. ¹⁸And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.

Not fighting back is a _____ act

Fighting back is _____, not mine

Romans 12:17 - 21 (NLT) ¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸Do your part to live in peace with everyone, as much as possible. ¹⁹Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God. For it is written, "I will take vengeance; I will repay those who deserve it," says the Lord. ²⁰Instead, do what the Scriptures say: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink, and they will be ashamed of what they have done to you." ²¹Don't let evil get the best of you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Not fighting back shows the strength of my _____

Why Does it Have to Be This Way?

The core of this beatitude is _____

Matthew 5:43 - 45 (NLT) ⁴³**You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, too.**

Just _____ peace is not the goal

Romans 14:19 - 21 (NCV) ¹⁹So let us try to do what makes peace and helps one another. ²⁰Do not let the eating of food destroy the work of God. All foods are all right to eat, but it is wrong to eat food that causes someone else to sin. ²¹It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that will cause your brother or sister to sin.

To remind me _____ that life is not about me

Final Thought: To be a peacemaker means that I understand life is not about _____ but about making this world a _____ place. By God's help I will pick the right _____ to fight.

Are you **ECHÉE?**
Expose - Challenge - Honor - Encourage - Experience