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## KINGDOM RIGHTEOUSNESS IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

### Verbal Integrity and Handling Mistreatment

Matthew 5:33-42

In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches that his repentant followers belong to God's coming kingdom and through their kingdom living in this world function as salt and light to lead others to turn to God, too. In Matthew 5:33-42 he shows that their kingdom righteousness toward others is characterized by verbal integrity and returning mistreatment with good, even when it costs them.

#### I. KINGDOM RIGHTEOUSNESS IS CHARACTERIZED BY VERBAL INTEGRITY (5:33-37)

1. Kingdom righteousness doesn't look for loopholes to honest speech (vss. 33-36)

2. Kingdom righteousness speaks truthfully, pure and simple (vs. 37)

#### II. KINGDOM RIGHTEOUSNESS RETURNS MISTREATMENT WITH GOOD, EVEN WHEN COSTLY (5:38-42)

1. Kingdom righteousness returns mistreatment with good (vss. 38-41)

\*It gives gracious non-resistance in response to gross insult (vs. 39)

\*It gives unprotective generosity in response to harmful legal confiscation (vs. 40)

\*It gives excelling voluntary help in response to forced service (vs. 41)

2. Kingdom righteousness returns the imposition of need with an unselfish open hand (42)