

Nonresistance	Passive Resistance	Reverse Resistance	Limited Resistance	Active Resistance
Any form of violence is unacceptable regardless of motive or cause	Resistance is acceptable but not acts of violence (e.g. Martin Luther King)	Do good to those who are your enemies (see also Romans 12:20-21)	Resistance, even violence, is acceptable if a human being is threatened	Just war theory
Primary motive is myself in obedience to God – remain true to the will and purpose of God	Primary motive is justice – and Paul appealed to Caesar. (Other political systems for confronting social injustice did not exist in NT.)	Primary motive is conversion	Primary motive is person-centered and focuses on issues of human well-being	Primary motive is rights-centered
Leave justice to God	Work to overturn evil – this may include things like: lotteries, gambling, pornography, injustice, discrimination, racism, poverty, etc.		Are Christ’s words to be considered ideals or definitions of behavior? What about Paul teaching submission to civil Roman authorities in Romans 13:1-7 – see also Rom 12:21 Civil law and order and protection are acceptable	

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Matthew 5:38 – 48 (church Bible page 684)

(38) "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' (39) But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. (40) And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. (41) If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. (42) Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. (43) "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' (44) But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (45) that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (46) If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? (47) And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? (48) Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 6:27 – 36 (church Bible page 729)

(27) "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, (28) bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. (29) If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. (30) Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. (31) Do to others as you would have them do to you. (32) "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. (33) And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. (34) And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. (35) But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. (36) Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“You have heard.....but I say.....”

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