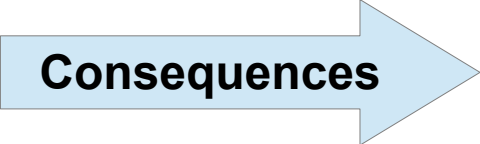
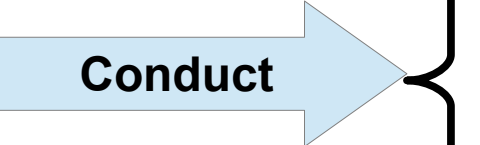


Treasure Hunt

- In the light of Matt 5:42, what is strange about the story of the Canaanite woman in Matthew 15?
- What OT law lies behind the Lord's instruction not to turn away from someone who wants to borrow from us?
- What three ways does the OT prescribe for giving to the poor?
- How does the OT instruction about giving explain the paradox in Matthew 15?
- To whom should we give, according to the NT?
- Name two circumstances, according to the NT, when we should not give.

The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
 Consequences	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
 Conduct	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

Principle: the Lord is not *canceling* or *modifying* the OT law, but *reinforcing* and *explaining* it.

The Structure of 5:21-48

The Manward Contrasts

	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
it was said	x	x	x	x	x	x
to them of old time	x			x		

- “it was said” → The Oral Law (Jewish tradition)
- “it is written” → The Written Law (the OT)

Principle: The Lord is challenging Jewish tradition, *not* the OT law.

The Structure of Matt 5:39-42

39a ye resist not evil:

**Summary:
Negative**

**Bodily
harm**

39b but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

**Essential
property**

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloke also.

Liberty

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

**Minor
property**

42a Give to him that asketh thee,
42b and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

**Details:
Positive**

End of series:

- **Doubled**
- **Return to negative**

Less Severe



Where is the offense in asking a gift?

1Co 6:19 know ye not that ... ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

A Paradox

The Lord's **teaching**:

Mat 5:42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

The Lord's **example**:

- In “the coasts of Tyre and Sidon”:

Mat 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word.... 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs.

27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

- In Galilee:

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout **all Syria**: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and **he healed them**.

OT Background for 5:42

42b and **from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.**

Deut 15:1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 ... Every creditor that lendeth *ought* unto his neighbour shall release *it*; ... 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, **thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:** 8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, *in that* which he wanteth. **9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought;** and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

OT Giving 1: Shared Feasts, Deut 14:22-16:17

14:22-15:23, Multi-Yearly

14:22-27, Tithe feast, **every** year, after harvest, at sanctuary

14:26 thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household, 27 **And the Levite** that is **within thy gates**

14:28-29, Tithe feast, every **three** years, after harvest, at home

14:29 the **Levite**, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and **the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow**, which are **within thy gates**, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied

15:1-18, Every **seven** years

- 1-11, Release of debts
 - 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it again*: but *that* which is thine with thy **brother** thine hand shall release;
 - 7-9 Don't refuse to lend to the **poor**
- 12-18, Release of servants

15:19-23, Details on sacrificial animals

16:1-17, Annual Pilgrimage Feasts

1-8, **Spring**: Passover, Unleavened Bread
Participants not defined

9-12, **Summer**: Weeks (Pentecost)

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the **Levite** that is **within thy gates**, and **the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow**, that are **among you**,

13-15, **Fall**: Tabernacles

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the **Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow**, that are **within thy gates**.

16-17, Summary of the three annual feasts

OT Giving 2: Gleaning

Deu 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for **the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow**: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for **the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow**.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean *it* afterward: it shall be for **the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow**.

Long-term:

OT Giving 3: Servitude

Lev 25:39 And if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee;

Lev 25:47 And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself [*Niphal*, “be sold”] unto the stranger *or* sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family:

Short-term (daily):

Mat 20:1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.

Relief in the OT?

	Part of the Community “within thy gates” “among you”	Self-Help (work)
Sacred feasts	X	
Gleaning	X	X
Servitude	X	X

NT Principles

1. Believers should **give generously**

Caring for poor saints in Jerusalem: Acts 6:1; 11:27-30; 2 Cor 8-9; Rom 15:25-27
1Ti 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, ... 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, **ready to distribute, willing to communicate**;
Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have **ministered to the saints**, and do minister.

Heb 13:16 But **to do good and to communicate forget not**: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

2. Giving is focused on **other believers**

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, **especially unto them who are of the household of faith**.

The “Levite within thy gate”?

- Itinerate ministers:

1Co 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

- Resident elders:

Act 20:34 these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

NT Principles (continued)

3. There are cases in which **giving is actually discouraged**:

- Obligation to work

2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, **neither should he eat**. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

- Circles of responsibility

1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. ... 16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and **let not the church be charged**; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.