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LEX TALIONIS

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DEUTERONOMY 19:18-21

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- THIS WAS NOT THE WHOLE _____.

LEVITICUS 19:18; PROVERBS 24:29

- WE ARE NOT TO GET EVEN, NOR ARE WE TO STAND BY _____.
- DON'T JUST LET HIM SUE YOU, BUT TAKE THE _____.
- TURN THE _____ AND GO TWO MILES!
- CHANGE THE _____ - THIS TAKES _____!

3. ACT WITH AN ATTITUDE OF RADICAL _____.

ACTS 16:37; ACTS 22:25; ROMANS 13:4

"Our duty as citizens may also involve us in the use of force to restrain evil people. A Christian soldier may need to kill in the course of military action. A Christian police officer may be required to use force in performing his or her duty. A Christian judge may be required to send people to prison. All of us as Christian citizens may be required to use force to restrain evil and to protect others. If we see a child being attacked and abused we are not to stand by idly. The principle of love requires us to interfere with force if necessary."

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ROMANS 12:17-19, 21

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