

Answers:

1. Cursing is using foul or malicious language, while swearing is simply promising or making an oath.
2. Swearing falsely.
3. The Pharisees taught that one's oaths were only binding if made on the gold of the temple, but not the temple itself. They made distinctions where God did not, and gave themselves excuses to tell advantageous lies.
4. We should be faithful to that promise and carry it out no matter what.
5. That we can keep them.
6. We must have counted the cost of discipleship and promised God to stick it out no matter what, and be faithful in all things, including public and private service.
7. "An eye for an eye."
8. Yes, and the government had to aid the victim's family, not protect the criminal. And from pursuing him to seek vengeance.
9. We should turn the other cheek, rather than striking back with violence in speech or hand.
10. No, he appealed to Caesar.
11. To live peacefully and overcome evil with good, and winning our enemies to Christ by persistence and examples.