

WHICH Book Are You Living By? (Matthew 5:38-48)

Introduction: A classic John Wayne movie – *The Quiet Man*

- I. THE 'BLACK BOOK' PHILOSOPHY: REVENGE & 'PAYBACK'
 - A. Note how Jesus addressed the common *hate your enemy* philosophy (Matt. 5:43 & Leviticus 19:18)
 - B. Ask yourself: *Whose name is in your 'black book'?*

- II. THE 'GOOD BOOK' PHILOSOPHY: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
 - A. Jesus redefines the common terms of love (Matt. 5:44 & Luke 10:25-37)
 - B. His parable of the "Good Samaritan" really made the point (Luke 10)
 - C. A modern, sarcastic 'samaritan' poem makes an important point...

- III. JESUS' LIFE OF LOVE IS BOTH OUR SALVATION & OUR EXAMPLE
 - A. Oh--- just see John 15:13 & John 10:11 & you'll learn about real love!
 - B. And – note what Jesus said as He was on the cross (Luke 23:43)
 - C. And – note the great news from St. Paul in Romans 6:6-7!

Conclusion: The love story that became a love song: *"Tie a Yellow Ribbon on the Old Oak Tree"*