



**“Not an Equal but an Opposite Reaction”**

**Romans 12:17**

**Romans 12: Devoted to Service**

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**Introduction**

Sir Isaac Newton’s **third law** of motion states that for every action (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction.

**re·ac·tion** *an action performed or a feeling experienced in response to a situation or event.*

**I. Motivation (What you want)**

*“Never pay back evil for evil...” (1 Pet. 3:9; Prov. 20:22)*

Vision Integrity

**II. Perception (How you see)**

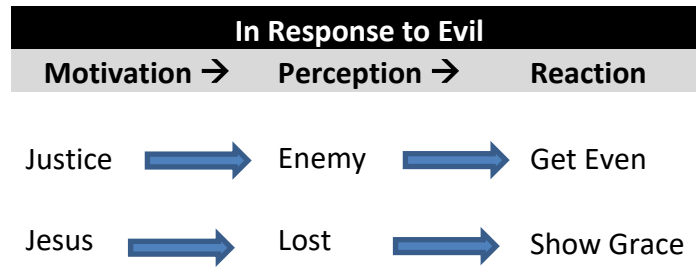
*“...to anyone.” (Matt. 5:38-48)*

**III. Reaction (How you respond)**

*“Respect what is right...”*

*“...in the sight of all men.” (2 Cor. 8:21)*

**Conclusion:**



Mark 10:43–45 – *But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What stood out to you the most about today’s message?
2. What are some of your knee jerk reactions to things (i.e., bad traffic, favorite team losing, incorrect order)?
3. Have you ever felt the urge to get even or one up someone who has hurt you (Christian or Non-Christian)?
4. How can you do a better job of being a conduit for the grace that you have received?
5. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being difficult, 10 being easy) how difficult is it for you to have an opposite reaction in response to trespasses done to you?