

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

But I Have A right
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Jesus is describing what a person's character looks like when He is involved in your life.

The world is just.
Every sin will be accounted for.

ALL ACTS OF EVIL HAVE JUST CONSEQUENCES

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.
Matthew 5:38 NIV

An unjust act does not give us a right to unrestrained revenge.

Anyone who injures their neighbor is to be injured in the same manner: ²⁰ fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The one who has inflicted the injury must suffer the same injury.
Leviticus 24:19-20 NIV

DO NOT RESPOND TO AN EVIL ACT WITH A HEART OF EVIL

But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.
Matthew 5:39 NIV

This is a challenge to your honor.

If you respond with anger every time you are made angry, who is in control of your life?

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
1 Peter 3:9 NIV

LET GOD EXACT THE REVENGE FOR YOU

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but [p]leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:19 NAS

Don't make the mistake of telling God how to do His job.

ALWAYS ACT OUT OF A HEART OF LOVE

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18 NIV

And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:40-42 NIV

Now remember this is not a legalistic set of instructions for us to blindly follow. It is a reminder that people act for all kinds of reasons and we are to respond with a heart of love.

People are all alike unless you have Jesus as your Savior. Only then can you have a heart of love that gives and is motivated truly to help others.