



# WE ARE DEFINED BY OUR REACTIONS.

## MATTHEW 5:38-42 (PEW BIBLE PAGE 1343) LUKE 9:54-56 (PEW BIBLE PAGE 1449)

## I. AN EYE FOR AN EYE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. V. 38

A. This limited the severity of punishment.B. This requirement followed rigidly, showed a lack of love.

### II. CHRISTIANS SHOULD UNDER REACT TO PERSONAL INSULTS.V. 39-40

- A. You will encounter hurtful people.
- B. Christ does not condone violence.
- C. We must move on from insults.

### III. CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE GENEROUS WITH TAKERS.VV. 40-42

- A. Our generosity should match the situation.
- B. Our generosity should match our means.
- C. Our generosity should point others to Christ.

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them. Luke 9:54

But he turned, and **rebuked** them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. Luke 9:55-56

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• Epitimaō

- And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. Luke 18:39
- And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39
- And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Mat 17:18

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Who, when he (Jesus) was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: I Peter 2:23