



LIFE WISDOM FROM THE
SERMON ON THE MOUNT

RAISING THE BAR

Revenge & Enemies
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Actions matter. But in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus asks us to not only focus on our actions, but to question the motives in our hearts as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Luke 6:27-36**. It's easy for us to love people who love us back or to be kind to our friends. But Christ calls us to take it further—to love our enemies and pray for them. Is this something you naturally do, or is it difficult for you?
2. Read **Matthew 18:15-18**. It's easy to gossip with others about how someone hurt you, what so-and-so did, and how wrong they were. But how does Christ ask us to respond? What's your first impulse when someone hurts you—go to the person who wronged you or gossip with others?
3. Read **Proverbs 25:21-22** and **1 Peter 3:9**. How does God guide us to treat our enemies? How would loving your enemies soften your heart towards them? How might this also soften their heart?
4. Bob mentioned three reasons to not take revenge: 1) for our own protection, 2) it shrinks our hearts, and 3) we are most like God when we show love toward an enemy. Which one do you relate to the most and why?

CHALLENGE

Think of someone who has mistreated you. Commit to praying for them this week, and see how God changes your heart.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. **Romans 12:19**