

Series: MEAN PEOPLE: And What to Do About Them

Title: Even is Easy

Memory Verse: *“But I say unto you which hear, love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,”*

Luke 6:27

Big Idea: Get Ahead By Refusing to Get _____



“And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings”
1 Samuel 25:2-3

“And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name. And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast. And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel.”
1 Samuel 25:4-7

“Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.”
1 Samuel 25:8

And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.”
1 Samuel 25:9

And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel”
1 Samuel 27:9

And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.”
1 Samuel. 25:10

“Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?”
1 Samuel 25:11

“So David's young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.”
1 Samuel 25:12

“And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword: And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword...about four hundred men.”
1 Samuel 25:13

“Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good. So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.”
1 Samuel 25:21-22

Nabal
Evil for _____
Maniacal

David
Evil for _____
Predictable

4 Questions to think about:

1. Do you want to be _____ with someone you **don't even like**?
2. Wouldn't you rather be _____?
3. What _____ do you want to tell?
4. What would it look like to _____ good for evil?

***When you refuse to get even, you're not just letting go of a grudge—
You are _____ to be greater!***

Next Steps:

- Memorize Luke 6:27
- Become a Follower of Jesus
- Commit to Pausing Before Reacting When You Feel Hurt or Offended.
- Perform this Week One Intentional Act of Kindness for Someone Who has Wronged You.

Application Guide:

1. How might choosing grace over revenge change the story you are writing?
2. How have you been responding to the person who has offended or wronged you?
What would your relationship be like if you lead with grace?
3. What are some ways you can "rise above" the instinct to repay evil for evil in your daily life? How can this choice reflect Christ to that person who offends you?

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