

## OUR BATTLE STRATEGY: REACTIVE GENEROSITY - Lk 6:29-30

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Is this series "relevant"?
2. Fight as sons of God Most High - last study Lk 6:27-28; today v29-30. *overcome evil w/ good* [Rm 12:21] by lavishing kindness on enemies.

#### 1st: Illustration #1: When You Are Physically Beaten - v29a

1. Xn being beaten - why? *for the sake of Son of Man* (v22).
  - i. *whoever* -
  - ii. *hits you on the cheek* -
2. Hand-to-hand combat - *offer him the other [cheek] also!*
3. Mt 5:39 - Xn personal ethic, not rule for gov'ts & military.
  - i. Xn pacifists - conscientious objector? No simplistic answers.
  - ii. Jesus' strategy for individual disciples
4. Technique: do not resist - generously give attacker a clear target
  - i. Sothenes beaten (A 18:17); Paul's beatings - what do we envision?
  - ii. A 14 Paul stoned & left for dead then gets up & *entered the city* [v20]
  - iii. A 19 - riot in Eph; Paul wants to address the mob
  - iv. 2 T 3:10-11 Paul fights like a slaughtered lamb - beheaded

#### 2nd: Illustration #2: When You Are Judicially Violated - v29b

1. Satan persecutes Xns *legally* - Jn 16:2. Mt 5:40 *if anyone wants to sue you, & take your shirt, let him have your coat also*. Context of legal abuse.
2. Abuse of authority: unjust laws - victimize w/ legal legitimacy.

3. v29b goes beyond Lk 3:10-11. Now the issue is not sharing, but capitulating to a seizure of your possessions. *Do not withhold*:
4. In Jesus' day if someone took coat & shirt, they wiped out your wardrobe.
5. Didn't Paul assert his rights as Rm citizen? This is a combat technique in the face of persecution *for the sake of the Son of Man*.

#### 3rd: Illustration #3: When Your Goods Are Requested - v30a

1. Who is the *everyone*? An *enemy* or all-inclusive as v31 - all men?
2. Most commentators do not interp v30 in context of persecution, but see a friend asking to borrow smthg - anticipating v34. Mt 5:42
  - i. Mt 6:2-4 re: almsgiving - Dt 15:7-11 giving to poor = biblical piety
  - ii. Lk 6:38 - Prv 19:17 Future rewards.
3. Meet the needs of others one's own personal expense: deny self.

#### 4th: Illustration #4: When Your Goods are Requisitioned - v30b

1. Victim of hostility: *takes away* - violent forceful act. Now property is taken unjustly: gov't requisition - to oppress Xns - Heb 10:32-35 [2C 11:26]
2. 1 C 6:7 you thought you were loaning & discovered you were being robbed
3. Discernment: legit rights yet called to suffer for sake of gospel.

#### Applic #1: Concentrate on the Cultivation of Godly Character

1. Anticipate v35 - *you will be Sons of God Most High*.
02. God reveals generous love to sinners - Jn 3:16 - Mat 5:47.

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**Applic #2: Practice These Techniques of Warfare and Overcome**

1. v27-30 - *hated for the sake of the Son of Man*
  - i. We must *overcome*. Eph 5-6 battlefield marriage, family, work-place.
  - ii. Issue is Xn character seen when mistreated.
  
2. Speech [*bless those who curse you*]; heart [*love your enemies*] - viewed against backdrop of eternity.
  - i. They threaten w/ 1st death - physical death: Jn 11:25-26; Mt 10:28
  - ii. You see them in relation to 2nd death - Rv 20:14-15.
  
3. Men of this age do not believe what is revealed in Scripture - what you believe. View them w/ eternal perspective. *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* AMEN.

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