


TAKE HOME POINTS

“Spiritual” reasons justifying revenge and hate

1. God is using me to exact vengeance for Him (consider Rom. 12:19)
2. Allowing someone's evil does not reflect God's justice (consider 1 Pet. 4:16-17)
3. Allowing a person to rip me off wouldn't be good stewardship (consider Ps. 50:10; Mt. 6:33)
4. Allowing for a personal insult does not bring glory to God (consider Is. 42:8)

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1. Allowing for me to be swindled would not be a good testimony or witness to others – impedes evangelism (consider John 6:44)
 2. What he or she did was public and demands a public response (consider 1 Cor. 13:5)
 3. What he or she is doing interferes with God’s plan for my life (consider Rom. 8:28)
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Biblical reasons to retaliate

1. Retaliate if you are fighting a war (Rom. 13:4)
 2. Retaliate if you are a peace-officer or citizen acting as a peace-officer (Is. 1:17; Ps. 82:3)
 3. Retaliate to protect family or yourself (Luke 11:21-22; 1 Tim. 5:8)
 4. Retaliate when it's not personal (Gal. 2:20)
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