



Danger Zones

1. Follow Your Conscience
2. An Unwillingness to Suffer for the Faith
3. Retaliation

Oxford: "An area in which there is a high risk of harm, especially where this risk has been officially identified."

Revenge:

"The action of inflicting hurt or harm on someone for an injury or wrong suffered at their hands."

Oxford Dictionary



"See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all" (1 Thess. 5:15)

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Proverbs 24:29, "Do not say, 'I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.'"

Romans 12:17-21

- Barring self-defensive measures against brutality
- A desire for "justice" on "criminal" behavior



What This Passage Is NOT Discussing

JUSTICE

- ✓ A quality of the character and will of God
- ✓ A quality that concerns itself with what is "lawful"
- ✓ A quality that is impartial and objective

Deut. 32:4; Jn. 5:30;
Rev. 15:3; 2 Kin.
14:5, 6; Zeph. 3:5;
Exod. 23:1-7; Lev.
19:15; Rom. 2:11

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- A desire for "justice" on "criminal" behavior
- Surrendering any and all legal recourse for any injury suffered
- Preventing the government from punishing criminal behavior



What This Passage Is NOT Discussing

- A.** Having a vengeful and grudge-bearing spirit against personal non-fatal injuries (cf. Lev. 19:18)
- B.** Vigilantism
- C.** Giving wrath the wrong place
- D.** Being overcome by wrongdoing rather than doing good

What This Passage Is Warning Against



“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled”

(Heb. 12:14, 15)

