

MEAN PEOPLE

...AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

Part 1: Even Is Easy

Hurting someone because they hurt you doesn't end the cycle. It perpetuates it. And it makes you look like the person you dislike.

Discussion Questions

1. They may not actually be a mean person, but who is a person to you that seems mean? What makes you feel that way? Don't answer those questions out loud!
2. Why is it tempting to want to get even with someone who has been mean to you? What do you feel it will accomplish?
3. If we make it a habit of returning mean for mean, what are the long-term effects?
4. **Read 1 Samuel 25:10–12**, where Nabal answers David's request for him to be appreciative of David and his men's no-cost assistance they had been giving Nabal. What stands out to you?
5. **Read 1 Samuel 25:21–22**, where David threatens to attack Nabal as a result of his disrespect. What stands out to you?
6. How would David's reputation be affected if he followed through with his threat? How would your reputation be affected if you tried to get even with the mean person you thought of earlier? What could you do to have a better story to tell?