

MEAN PEOPLE

...AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

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Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:2–13, 21–22; 27:9

Idea: Don't settle for even. Return good for evil.

[Today, we're in Part 1 of a two-part series entitled:]

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[I considered calling this series Bad People... and What to Do About Them. We hesitate to call anyone bad. What we say is:]

He's really not a bad **person**.

He just does bad **things**.

[... a lot.]

[So, we'll just stick with Mean People.]

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[These are the people who are not pleasant to be around. They are the deceptive, controlling, and unkind people. These are the users. When you see them coming, you go the other way.]

[This is not to say that you're never mean. But we usually focus on how to live our lives to ensure that we're not mean. This series is about how to respond to mean people in our lives.]

[This is important because if we don't have a plan and are not prepared and proactive...]

The mean people **in our lives** gain a measure of control **over our lives**.