



**YOUR MOVE: Reactions Speak Louder Than Words – 1 of 3**  
**Cause & Defect**  
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**LEARN TO MASTER THE UNEXPECTED, UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE.**

**ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.**  
**REACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN EITHER AND TELL THE WHOLE STORY.**

**WHEN WE SOUND AND REACT LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE, WE MISS OUR OPPORTUNITY.**

*<sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.*

Matthew 5:38-39 NIV

*<sup>41</sup>If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup>Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

*<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup>But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

Matthew 5:41-45 NIV

*<sup>46</sup>If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Matthew 5:46-48 NIV

**JESUS COMMANDS US TO REACT TOWARD OTHERS  
THE WAY HE REACTED TOWARD US.**

Let's practice at home:

1. Choose something that happens on regular basis that perturbs, disturbs, upsets you.
2. Think about your normal reaction.
3. Ask this question: What would "like my Father in heaven" look or sound like?