

“What About Injustice?”

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Introduction: 1. To be offended is to **judge** another’s action as a **moral** false step. Jesus says, “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged (Matthew 7:1).”
2. Anger and righteousness are always at odds. You can’t have both. We can cease striving in anxious toil and trust God. We can.

I. Jesus Context in Matthew 5:38

“You have heard . . .”

Exodus 21:23-24, This idea controlled retaliation. It did not judge or condone the actions surrounding the harm. (26-27)
Matthew 5:39, “But I say to you . . .” turn your cheek.
(5:40-41) “go also the same mile.”

II. Jesus Expands the Vision Matthew 5:42 –

“Give to everyone who begs from you and do not refuse a beggar who wants to borrow from you.”



“Let’s face it: we’re positively in love with ‘taking stands’ that cost us absolutely nothing.” – Brant Hansen

slack·tiv·ism: noun: **slactivism** actions performed via the Internet in support of a political or social cause but regarded as requiring little time or involvement.

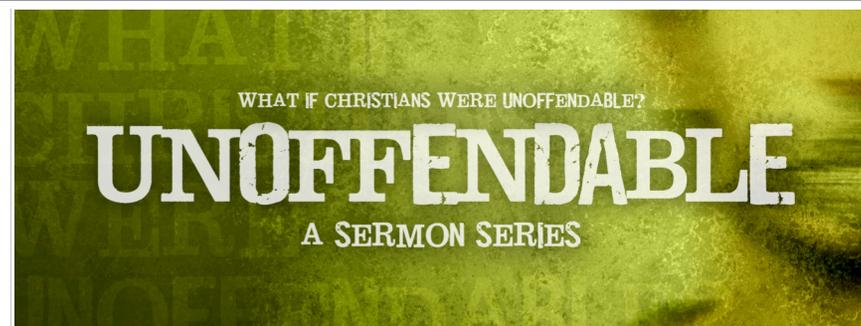
People who join causes online are _____ likely to take action.
(5:43) “You have heard . . . love your _____ hate your enemy.”
(5:44) “But I say to you, Love your _____ and pray _____ for those who persecute you”
(5:45) Why? “So that you may be children of your Father _____”
(5:46-48) We are called to live by _____ the ways of the world.

III. But We’ve Got To Do Something!

Anger and A _____ are two different things.
“Stepping out of anger means you are surrendering your will to God. It means you have accepted that you don’t have to have your way.”
Dallas Willard

Action Step: Choosing to be **unoffendable**, or relinquishing my right to anger, does not mean accepting injustice.

Do something. Take _____. Act in Love _____ not anger.
Love: a “gutsy, willful decision to seek the best _____ for others.” – BH
We don’t need more anger. Proverbs 20:22
We need people who actually ACT to set things right.



‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Matthew 5: 43-47

