

SERMON NOTES
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The Big Win
Luke 6:27-30, 35; Romans 12:19-21

“Championships are not won on the night of the big event, but years before by athletes who commit themselves daily to championship principles.” --Dick DeVinzio (FCA T-Shirt)

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)

Conflict – winners and losers

“The way is narrow that leads to life, and few find it.” (Matthew 7:14)

“Run in such a way that you may win.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

Nike...nikao – “overcomer” – victor, medalist, champion, winner

- BIG ENEMIES – Luke 6:6
- BIG MISTAKE - Romans 12:19 (Personal revenge)
- BIG GOD – Romans 12:19 “Vengeance is mine...I will repay.”
- BIG WIN – We stand *with* God, become *like* God, rewarded *by* God.”

Objections and questions

BIG WIN (part 2) – others

1 Peter 2:21, 23

²¹For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²³and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.

“I unite myself with the Father’s redemptive purpose. I look at the wrong done...with infinite pity for the poison that is filling his heart, infinite desire to deliver and save him. These thoughts for his welfare will overmaster every need for personal revenge and will heap on his head the hot coals of God’s love to melt his heart and save him from himself.”
-- F. B. Meyer

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²⁷“But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. ²⁰“BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.