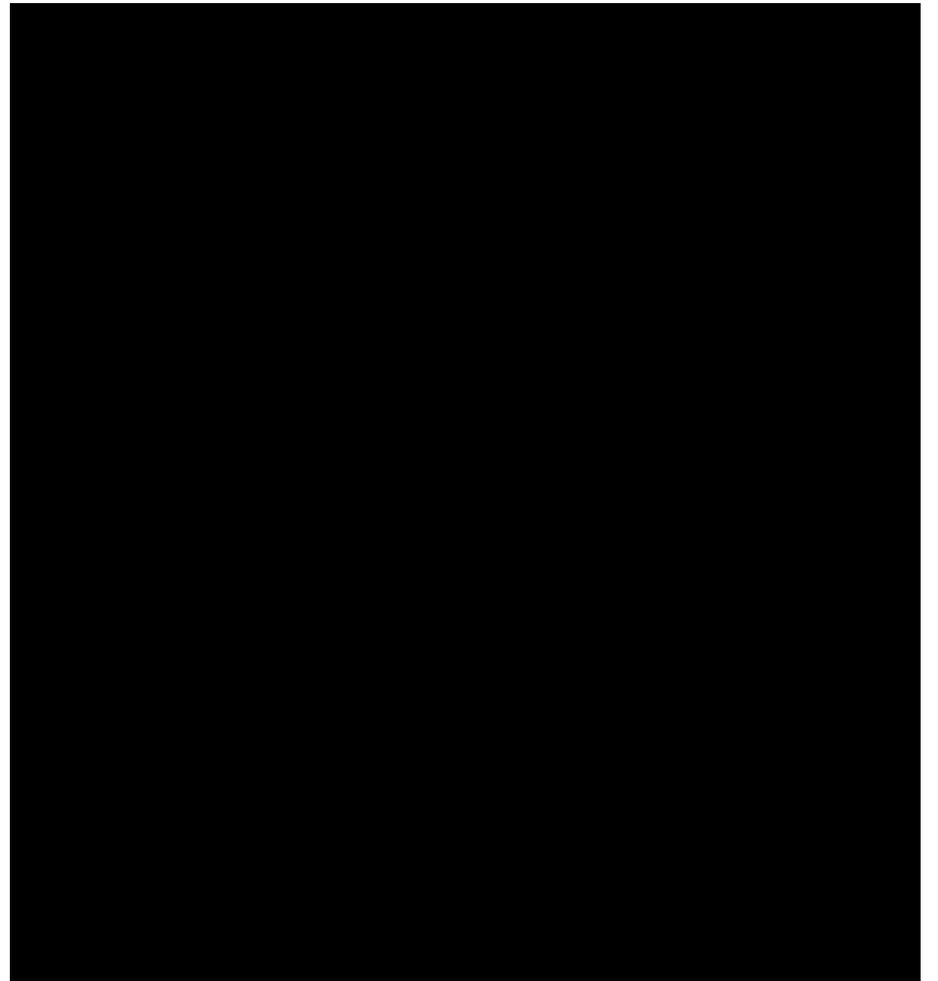


**I AM NOT YOUR
DOORMAT**



Matthew 5: 28-42 NLT

- 38) “You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’
- 39) But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.
- 40) If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too.
- 41) If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile,^l carry it two miles.
- 42) Give to those who ask, and don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.



Doormat of GRACE

Matthew 5: 28-42 (The Message)

Doormat of Grace ?

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DOORMAT...



What- About...

My Rights-My Entitlements

Matthew 5: 38-42

(The Message)

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- 41) And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life
- 42) No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously.

Doormat of Grace?

Jesus –Response

Don't- **RETAILATE**

Be -**GRACIOUS**

Our- Response

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Philippians 2: 5-8

5. In your lives you must **think** and **act** like Christ Jesus.
6. Christ himself was like God in everything.
But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be used for his own benefit.
7. But he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing.
He was born as a man and became like **a servant**.
8. And when he was living as a man, he **humbled** himself and was fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death—death on a cross.

Overcoming the doormat feeling

- ✓ By having our attitude changed
- ✓ Thinking that benefits others
- ✓ Willingness to become a servant
- ✓ Humble & Obedient
- ✓ Death is the ultimate boundary

Doormat of Grace ?

- IF Jesus had not become a **doormat of grace** where would you and I spend eternity?
- **Retaliation** is the most common response but as a follower of Jesus you can choose to **react in GRACE** instead?
- To **avoid** being a **doormat of grace** you must choose the alternative to be remain **un-gracious** and **un-Christ-like**