**Revenge**

**Thou shalt not avenge.**

***(Leviticus 19:18)***

**Vengeance is mine.**

**I will repay, saith the Lord.**

***(Romans 12:19)***

**An eye for an eye only leads to more blindness. *(Margaret Atwood)***

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**In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior; for it is a prince’s part to pardon. *(Francis Bacon)***

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**To forget a wrong is the best revenge. *(Bob Phillips, in Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts and Funny Sayings, p. 273)***

**Crankshaft: “They used to say that living well is the best revenge. But these days living at all is the best revenge.” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**They say living well is the best revenge. Too bad I've never been a vengeful person. *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

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**The minister of the East Waynesville Baptist Church in North Carolina caused a furor when he expelled nine church members for failing to ask God’s forgiveness for what sin? They voted for John Kerry. *(The Week magazine, January 6, 2006)***

**Revenge is a confession of pain. *(Latin proverb)***

**The longer I spend contemplating revenge, the harder I find it to stay angry. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots*)**

**The kindergarten teacher was trying to determine the proper punishment for a boy who had hit a classmate, writes Richards Boyce, Mexico, Missouri. “Did you hit Johnny on purpose or by accident?” he asked. “By accident,” the boy quickly replied. “Do you know the difference between on purpose and by accident?” he persisted. “Sure! On purpose you get in a lot more trouble.” *(Country magazine)***

**Revenge is a dish which should be cooled before eating. *(The Furrow)***

**It's far easier to forgive an enemy after you've got even with him. *(Olin Miller)***

**Revenge proves its own executioner. *(Bob Phillips, in Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts and Funny Sayings, p. 273)***

**There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness. *(Bob Phillips, in Heavenly Humor, p. 88)***

**Revenge is never the answer. Carried to its ultimate conclusion, an eye for an eye would only leave us all blind. *(Rev. Billy Graham)***

**The record shows that Persian Sultan Selim I hanged two doctors simply because they advised him to stop drinking coffee. *(L. M. Boyd, in Boyd’s Book of Odd Facts, p. 1)***

**Heart: “So what are you gonna do, Mom?” Mom: “Do? Hugh broke our date. It was business. I’m not happy about it, but what can I do?” Heart: “Revenge, Mom! Sweet Revenge!” Mom: “Oh, Heart. Someday you’ll see how silly and pointless that emotion is.” Heart: “Oh Mother. Never underestimate the healing power of the ol’ flaming bag of dog dirt on the front step.” Mom: “No, Heart.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**Living well is the best revenge. *(George Herbert)***

**Return of the Jedi was originally titled Revenge of the Jedi – but later underwent a title change because, according to director George Lucas, a Jedi would never take revenge. *(Noel Botham, in The Best Book of Useless Information Ever, p. 81)***

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**A director of a mental hospital, disgruntled because he hadn’t been paid, got even by setting free 74 mental patients. Their appearance touched off a panic in the city market of Akure, Nigeria. *(The Examiner, 1986)***

**Michelangelo believed in glorifying the human body and he wasn’t very keen on overloading his figures with clothes. His “Last Judgment” on the walls of the Sistine Chapel caused some harsh criticism by one of the Vatican’s officials because of the nudity. So Michelangelo made a few changes. He painted in the face of the clergyman and added donkey’s ears and a snake’s tail! It didn’t pay to go fooling around with Mike! *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 42)***

**Michael McCullough, associate professor of psychology at the University of Miami, has studied people’s motivation toward vengeance. He says vengeful people get caught up in rumination and hold on to their anger. Further, they don’t try to trade negative emotions for positive ones. “Entertaining fantasies of revenge,” McCullough says, “is accompanied by a lot of psychological strain.” *(Jane Lampman, in Catholic Digest, March, 2004)***

**The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. *(Mae Maloo)***

**Nothing produces such odd results as trying to get even. *(Franklin P. Jones, in Quote magazine)***

**Trying to get even produces odd results. *(Clifton Burke)***

**Sales clerk: “Your total comes to $23.77, Opal.” As she opens her purse, Opal says: “I know my wallet is somewhere in here.” Sales clerk: “Excuse me for asking, but why do you carry a TV remote in your purse?” Opal: “Oh, my husband wouldn't come shopping with me. That's my way of getting even.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**As the old fable has it: a young lion and a mountain goat went to the same water hold to quench their thirst. Arriving at the same time they fell into a heated argument concerning who would drink first. Soon they became so enraged that both were determined to resist each other to the death. Ceasing their strife to catch their breath for a moment, they looked up and noticed a flock of vultures hovering overhead waiting for the loser to fall. Their quarrel was quickly resolved. Maybe instead of saying in revenge no one wins, I should say in revenge only the vultures win. *(David Lawrence)***

**If you want to be revenged, hold your tongue. *(Spanish proverb)***

**There's a small revenge in words, but words may be greatly revenged. *(Bob Phillips, in Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts and Funny Sayings, p. 155)***

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