

Jesus Says "Blessed are the Meek"

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

- Jesus



The Anger Commandment in Scripture



"Be angry and do not sin"

OT — Psalm 4:4 NT — Ephesians 4:26





Over under control • angry with the right person, for the right reason, for the right amount of time • a right opinion of yourself before God that expresses itself in horizontal relationships with people

What is Meekness?



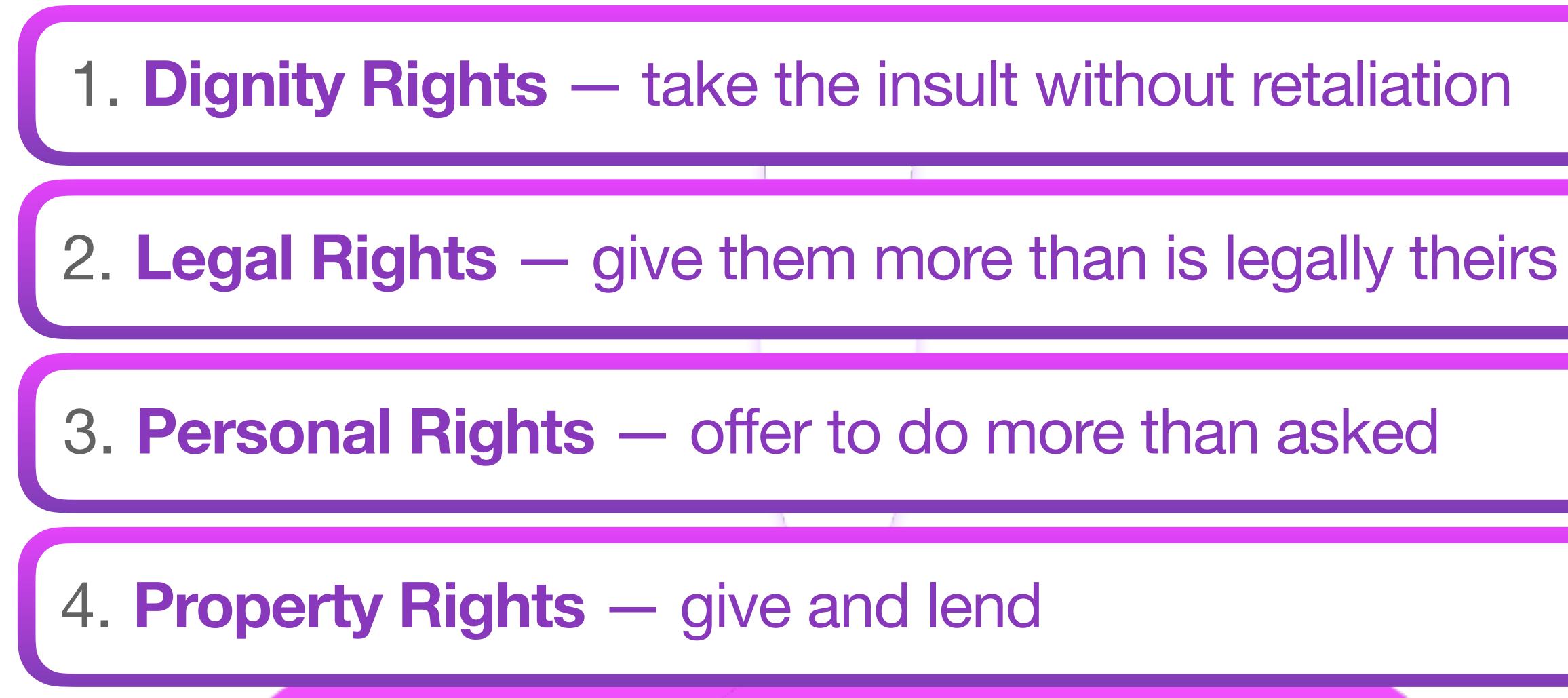
Vatthew 5:39-42

But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.





Jesus' Response to Violated Rights





How do we pull this off?



Vatthew 11:28-30

laden, and I will give you rest. Take My rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.



Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find



Why Bother Trying to Be Meek?

Negative Reason: → the influence of our adversary





Ephesians 4:26,27

Be angry and do not sin; ... and give no opportunity to the devil.





Why Bother Trying to Be Meek?

1. Negative Reason: the influence of our adversary 2. Positive Reason: the experience of our freedom



Matthew 11:29

... you will find rest for your souls.







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