

Matthew 5:38-39

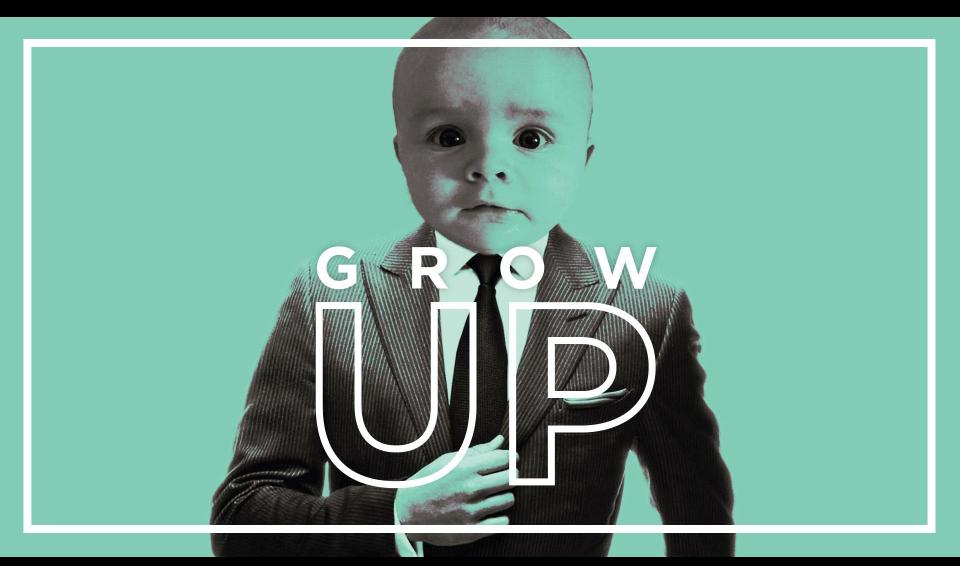
You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

Matthew 5:40-41

And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Matthew 5:42

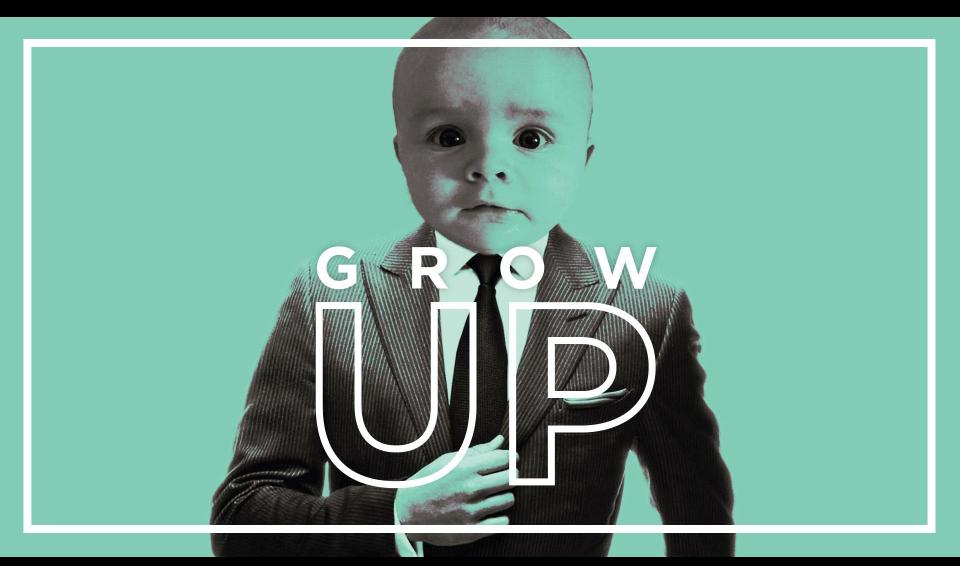
Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.



If you are insulted: offer him your other cheek.

If you are sued for your tunic: give him all your clothes.

If you are forced to go an extra mile: choose to go even further.



Matthew 5:43-44

"You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.' But I say to you,
Love your enemies and pray for
those who persecute you...

Matthew 5:45

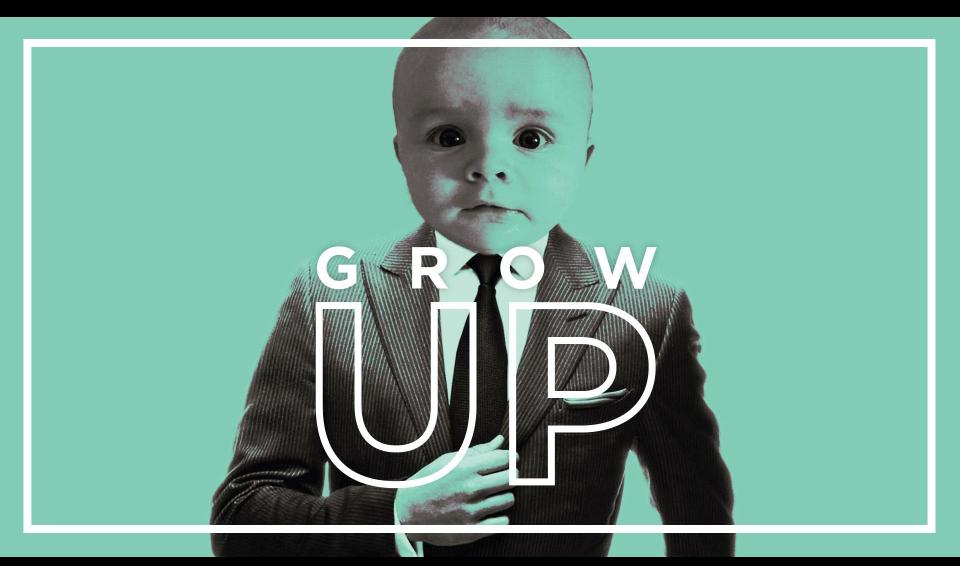
...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:46

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Matthew 5:47-48

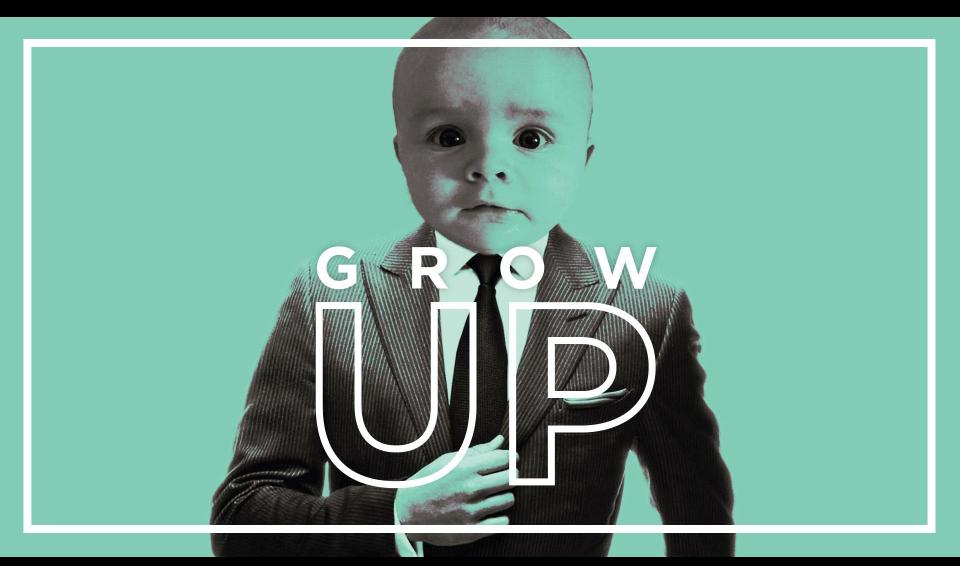
And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Then Jesus says to love your enemies.

Love until it's ridiculous.

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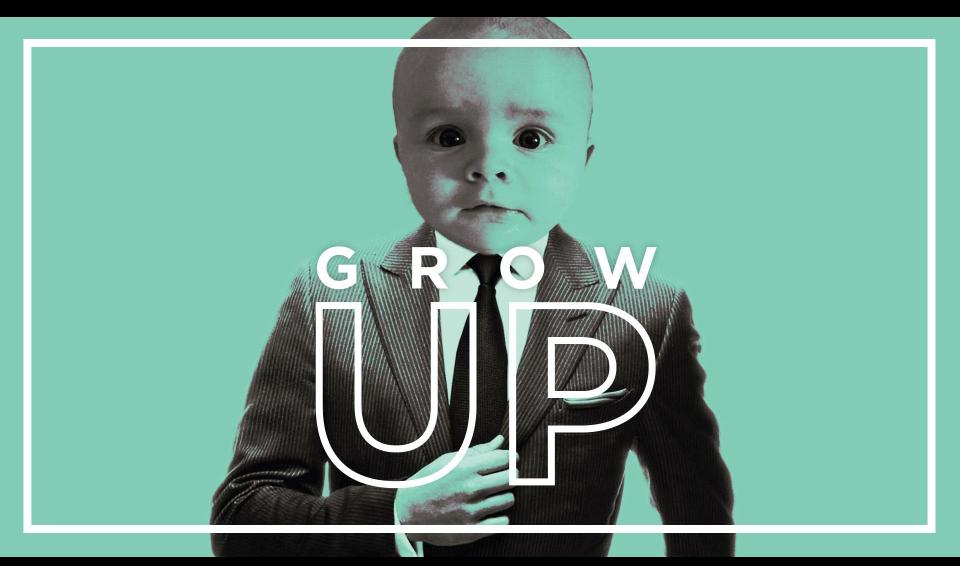
You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

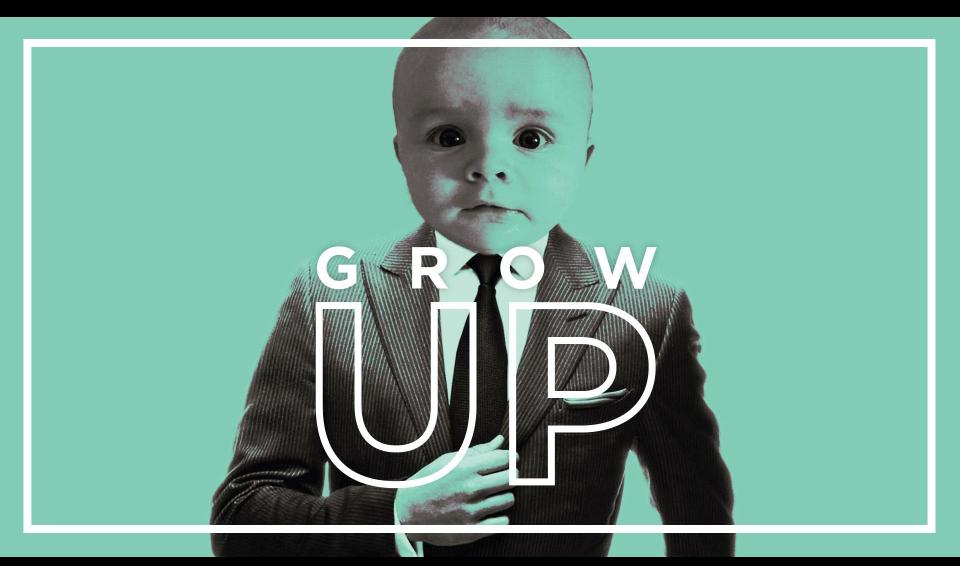
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!



And this is the point:

Instead of being antagonistic to those that have evil intentions, God's people show ridiculously generous love.



Transformed people:

- 1. View people as image bearers
- 2. Place others needs ahead of their own
- 3. Love people, use tools

The Principle is: transformed people transform people.

- 1. Invest in transformational relationships
- 2. Become available

