

**Loving the
preeminence...**
III John

Sins often overlooked...

**Sins of the
mind...**
Matt. 5:28

An overlooked sin - Vengeance

- **Vengeance:**
 - “infliction of injury, harm, humiliation, or the like, on a person by another who has been harmed by that person”

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- **Was often authorized in the OT**
 - **Num. 31:1-2; 35:19** – Old Law was as much a civil law as a spiritual law
- **We are no longer authorized to do so in the NT**
 - **Matt. 5:38-48** – Shows love, mercy, patience, endurance, willing to sacrifice
 - **Rom. 12:17-21** – Shows links to wrath

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- **We are told that vengeance belongs to the Lord**
 - **Rom. 12:19** – God reserves the right to avenge for Himself
 - **Heb. 10:30-31** – Is directly related to judging the soul – something we cannot do
 - Consider the fate of those who do avenge...
 - **II Thess. 1:3-9** – God will avenge us on those who trouble us

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- **Vengeance:**
 - the desire for revenge
 - Synonyms: “retaliation”
 - Antonyms: “forgiveness”

**I am not to
retaliate physical
injustice**

**I am not to
retaliate verbal
injustice**

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**I am not to desire
vengeance for any
of these...**

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**I am not to
retaliate
emotional
injustice**

**I am not to retaliate
spiritual injustice or
take upon myself the
application of justice**