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“ As we thus follow David through these days of humiliation and shame, while we recognize the perfect justice of all the sufferings that came to him, we nevertheless understand more perfectly that he was indeed a man after God's own heart. ”

G Campbell Morgan, Expositions On The Bible

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1. You Don't Have To Respond To Every Attack (v9-10)

[Jesus] who, when He was reviled, did not
revile in return; when He suffered, He did not
threaten, but committed Himself to Him who
judges righteously;

1 Peter 2:23

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But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Matthew 5:39

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1. You Don't Have To Respond To Every Attack (v9-10)

“ If you can revenge yourself, DON'T.
If you could do it as easily as open your hand, keep
it shut. If one bitter word could end the argument,
ask for grace to spare that bitter word. ”

Charles Spurgeon

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“ This is a peculiarity of the Hebrew language, which does not always distinguish between permission and commandment. David considers all this as being permitted of God for his chastisement and humiliation. ”

Adam Clarke, Adam Clarke's Commentary On The Bible

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2. Accept That God Has Allowed This (v10-11)

But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Job 2:10

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2. Accept That God Has Allowed This (v10-11)

“ When, through the treachery of Judas,
the bitter cup came to the lips of our Lord, he said,
“It is the cup that my Father hath given me to drink.”

F. B. Meyer, Through The Bible Day By Day

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2. Accept That God Has Allowed This (v10-11)

“ This seeing of God in crosses as the chief agent, whatever the instrument be, is an excellent help to true patience. If a man meet a prince, and know him not, he will not give him due reverence: so if we see not God in our sufferings we shall not so well submit to him. ”

John Trapp, John Trapp's Complete Commentary

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James 5

10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

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4. Be Willing To Receive Instruction (PSALM 7)

“David didn't try to shut up Shimei. He didn't close his ears to unpleasant or critical words. David was willing to hear what God might say to him through a cursing critic.”

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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4. Be Willing To Receive Instruction (PSALM 7)

“ The willingness to listen to one's critics and even to one's enemies may be the only way to discover the truth of God. This opens the possibility that we may do well at times to listen to people who wish us harm but tell us the truth. ”

Kenneth L. Chafin, The Preacher's Commentary

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4. Be Willing To Receive Instruction (PSALM 7)

He who disdains instruction despises his
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understanding.

Proverbs 15:32

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Minister To One Another

- **Manifestations of the Spirit** (1 Corinthians 12:7-11)
 - word of wisdom
 - word of knowledge
 - faith
 - gifts of healings
 - working of miracles
 - prophecy
 - discerning of spirits
- **Share Verses With Each Other** (Colossians 3:16)
- **Pray For One Another** (James 5:16)