

What to do when you are attacked

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I have been in physical danger from a crazed man who threatened to attack me and my car with a long spanner. Judy and I have been slandered on the Internet by a buyer who falsely accused us of selling a defective item. In both cases, by the grace of God, we had the presence of mind to control our reactions and behave biblically. In the first case, the man decided against violence and removed himself from the situation. In the second, the buyer found he was in the wrong and gradually backed down, taking a week to do it. Both situations were emotionally costly, and took some getting over, but in both cases we survived.

The Bible has a lot to say about what you say and do in situations like these, but here are four principles, with a few supporting verses.

1. Don't defend yourself

Isaiah 54:14-17
Matthew 5:25-26
Matthew 5:38-42

2. Speak calmly and objectively

Proverbs 12:6
Proverbs 13:3
Proverbs 15:1

3. Say little

Proverbs 10:19
Proverbs 26:20

4. Wait for God to act

Proverbs 18:10
Psalm 27

Temptations to sin are sure to come, and they are not pleasant, but you can survive and win if you behave biblically.
