

OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD
ROMANS 12:14-21



Christian Character

- **1 Peter 3:9** - Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

Bless Those That Persecute You

- **Romans 12:14** - ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Follow the Example of Jesus

- **Luke 6:27-28** - ²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

God Desires All People to be Saved

- **2 Peter 3:9** - The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4** - ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Rejoice and Weep Together

- **Romans 12:15** - ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Bear One Another's Burdens

- **Romans 15:1** - We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- **Galatians 6:2** - ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Live in Harmony

- **Romans 12:16** - ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Created in His Image

- **Genesis 1:27** - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- **James 3:9** - With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

Strive to Please the Lord

- **Proverbs 16:7** - When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- **Live for Jesus First – Allow your life to be a blessing to others.**

Repay no Evil for Evil

- **Romans 12:17** - ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Peace – Not Vengeance

- **Romans 12:18-19** - ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it^l to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

The Lord's Vengeance

- **James 1:19-20** - ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- **Deuteronomy 32:35** - It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them. (NIV)

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- **Romans 12:20-21** - ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Follow the Example of Jesus

- **Matthew 5:7** - ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- **Matthew 5:9** - ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- **James 2:13** - For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.