

Romans 12:1 (JBP)

With eyes wide open to the mercies of God,
I beg you, my brothers, as an act of
intelligent worship, to give him your bodies,
as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and
acceptable by him.

Romans 12:2 (JBP)

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.

Romans 12:17-18 (NLT)

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:19 (NLT)

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD.

Romans 12:20-21 (NLT)

Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” ²¹ Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

**Good OVERPOWERS
Evil**

Romans 12:17-21

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends,
but leave room for God's wrath, for it
is written: "It is mine to avenge;
I will repay," says the Lord.

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. .In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

Anyone can return good for good
and evil for evil. **The only way to
overcome evil is with GOOD.**

If we return evil for evil,
we only **ADD fuel to the fire.**

Wiersbe

HOW we respond to injustice or
personal attacks is more important
than **getting our own way**
or proving that **we are right.**

Ingram

17 Do not **repay** anyone evil for evil...

18 ...live at **peace** with everyone.

1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)

Do **NOT repay** evil with evil or
insult with insult, but with BLESSING,
because **to this you were CALLED**
SO THAT you may inherit a blessing.

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

Get rid of all **bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander**, along with every form of malice. ³² **Be kind** and **compassionate** to one another, **FORGIVING** each other, just **AS** in Christ God **FORGAVE** you.

Not FORGIVING - is like
drinking rat poison and then
waiting for the rat to die

Lamott

FORGIVENESS - giving up my
RIGHT to GET EVEN with you for
hurting me Unknown

¹⁷ Do **not repay** anyone evil for evil...

¹⁸ **IF** it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace** with everyone.

Why Should we FORGIVE? LABC

- it breaks the cycle of **RETALIATION**
- it may lead to mutual **RECONCILIATION**
- it may cause **SHAME**
- **REPAYING** evil for evil hurts US
- it Frees us from **BITTERNESS**

Vengeance and Judgment
are **God's Responsibility**
NOT OURS

HNTC

Ephesians 4:26–27 (NLT)

And don't sin **by letting anger control you.**

Don't let the sun go down while you are
still angry, ²⁷ for **ANGER** gives
a foothold to the devil.

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²⁰ On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

Revenge is Repaying evil for evil -
with **INTEREST.** Barton

We do NOT take REVENGE because...

- we are commanded **NOT** to
- we assume God's **AUTHORITY** when we DO
- it brings **SHAME** on the Lord Jesus
- it can cause Great Harm to the **GOSPEL**

19 Do NOT take REVENGE...

20 On the contrary: If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink...

Matthew 5:38-39 (NIV)

You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth. ³⁹ But I tell you,

Do not resist an evil person.

If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

³⁹ But I tell you, **Do not RESIST**
an evil person...

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but leave room for **God's wrath**,
for it is written: It is mine to avenge;
I will repay, says the Lord.

21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but **OVERCOME** evil with **GOOD**.

Will they take advantage of us?
Will they hate us more? Only the Lord
knows. Our task is **NOT to protect
ourselves** but **to obey the Lord** and
leave the results with Him. Wiersbe

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but **OVERCOME** evil with **GOOD**.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, **and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

² **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him **endured the cross**, scorning its shame, and **sat down** at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3 (NIV)

³ **Consider Him** who **endured** such **opposition** from sinful men, **SO THAT** you will **not** grow weary and **lose heart**.

² **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus...**

³ **Consider HIM** who endured such
opposition from sinful men, **SO THAT**
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