



“Victory in Christian Service”

Romans 12:17-21

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1. Do not _____ evil done to you. v17

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men." - Rom 12:17

1) _____ pay it back. 1Pe 4:14

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, **you are blessed**, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. [1Pe 4:14]

2) To pay back evil is to _____ evil. 1Pe 3:12

12 "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT **THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.**"

3) Do what is _____ . 1Pe 4:15-16.

15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; 16 but if [anyone **suffers**] as a **Christian**, he is not to be ashamed, but is to **glorify God in this name.** [1Pe 4:15-16]

✱ Plan it in _____.

✱ Be _____ to do good in the sight of all men. 1Pe 4:1-2

1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as **to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.** [1Pe 4:1-2]

4) Be at peace with all _____ . v18

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." - Rom 12:18

✱ Pursue peace if _____ . Psa 34:14

14 Depart from evil and do good; **Seek peace and pursue it.** [Psa 34:14]

✱ If you are _____ . Psa 120:7; Pro 16:7

- 7 I am [for] peace, but when I speak, **They are for war.** [Psa 120:7]
- 7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. [Pro 16:7]

5) Do not take personal _____ . v19

"Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord." - Rom 12:19

2. Give _____ for God's wrath. v19

1) God _____ and it is _____ . Pro 20:22

22 **Do not say, "I will repay evil";** Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. [Pro 20:22]

2) **Vengeance is God's _____ alone.** Heb 10:30
30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "**THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.**" [Heb 10:30]

3) **God will _____ all evil.** Jer 51:24
24 "But **I will repay** Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea **for all their evil** that they have done in Zion before your eyes," declares the LORD. [Jer 51:24]

3. **Satisfy your enemies _____.** v20

""BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."" - Rom 12:20

1) **Be _____ like God to bad treatment.** Pro 25:21

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; [Pro 25:21]

✳ **Food and water are _____ to sustain life.** Mt 5:44; Luk 6:27

- 44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and **pray for those who persecute you,**
- 27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, **do good to those who hate you,**

✳ **Loving your enemies is what God did for _____.** 1Co 1:10

35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for **He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil [men.]** [Luk 6:35]

2) **It gives place for God's _____.** Jdg 5:31

31 "Thus **let all Your enemies perish, O LORD;** But let those who love Him be like the rising of the sun in its might." And the land was undisturbed for forty years. [Jdg 5:31]

4. **Be an _____.** v21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." - Rom 12:21

1) **Do not allow evil to _____.** Jas 1:20

20 For **the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness** of God. [Jas 1:20 KJV]

2) **Let _____ rule in the affections of your heart.** Psa 73:1

1 Surely **God is good** to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! [Psa 73:1]