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Romans 12:17-21 (NIV)

What Is Right

Will you do that? Will I do what? **Will you do what is right?** I know you want me to always do what is right. **Yes, I do.** But do you have a specific context in mind right now? Is there some circumstance in which you want me to be particularly careful that I do what is right? **Yes, I do. You have asked a very good question. What are your typical thoughts when someone has done some evil against you?** I think about how I might seek revenge. I think about how I might get even. I think about how I might be able to inflict some pain and suffering on those who have hurt and harmed me. **All these thoughts are a complete and total waste of your time and energy.** Yes, they are without a doubt. **Why are you agreeing with me so quickly and easily?** I have thought these thoughts of revenge and pay back, but I can't recall ever acting on them. **So, these have been your thoughts but not your actions?** Yes, that is generally correct, I think. **Why think evil thoughts that you will never act on? Do you think there is some virtue in thinking evil thoughts but never acting on them?** No, I'm sure that I should not dwell on evil thoughts, even though I will never act on them. **But you do act on them, only not in the way you have been thinking. What do you do when someone has hurt or harmed you?** I move on. I distance myself from anyone who has ever hurt or harmed me. **Say what you do a little more clearly.** Alright, the truth is, I cut them out of my life completely. I will never give them another opportunity to hurt or harm me again. **Is that good? Is that right? Is that my desire for you? Is this my plan for your life? Would this be following my example?** I'm not proud of the course of action I have taken. **That's good.**

What is good? What is right? How do you think I want you to respond to evil that has been done against you? You want me to repay evil with good. You want me to always do what is right. You want me to follow your example. **What is my example?** You repaid evil with good. You loved even those who hurt and harmed you. You loved your enemies. You overcame evil by doing good. **Will you follow my example? Will you always do what is right? Will you repay evil by doing what is good?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I have been tempted to repay evil with evil. I have wanted to get even for the evil that was done against me. This is a foolish mistake. Help me to always repay evil with good. Help me to do what is right so that I will be able to overcome evil with good. Amen

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

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NIV Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Conqueror Evil By Doing Good*

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. 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. 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." Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

NLT Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

NRSV Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest *and* proper *and* noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God's] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord. But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.

AMP Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 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. "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." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

NASB Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay," says the Lord." 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." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ESV Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Overcome Evil With Good*

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. Therefore "*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.*" Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

NKJV Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Get The Best Of Evil By Doing Good*

Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it." Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

MSG Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Conquer Evil By Doing Good*

Never pay back evil for evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honest clear through. Don't quarrel with anyone. Be at peace with everyone, just as much as possible. Dear friends, never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it. [Don't take the law into your own hands.] Instead, feed your enemy if he is hungry. If he is thirsty give him something to drink and you will be "heaping coals of fire on his head." In other words, he will feel ashamed of himself for what he has done to you. Don't let evil get the upper hand, but conquer evil by doing good.

TLB Romans 12:17-21

Promises *Defeat Evil By Doing Good*

If someone does wrong to you, do not pay him back by doing wrong to him. Try to do what everyone thinks is right. Do your best to live in peace with everyone. My friends, do not try to punish others when they wrong you, but wait for God to punish them with his anger. It is written: "I will punish those who do wrong; I will repay them," says the Lord. But you should do this: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. Doing this will be like pouring burning coals on his head." Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil by doing good.

NCV Romans 12:17-21

Overcome Evil With Good

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Romans 12:17-21

In Context: *Read Romans 12*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been tempted to repay evil with evil for what has been done to you?

Why will you never find any satisfaction by repaying evil with evil?

Why would repaying evil for evil be a sign that you have been overcome by evil?

How have you been a bright witness for Christ in the world by repaying evil with good?

How are you making certain that you follow Christ's example of repaying evil with good?

How has the Lord helped you to do what is right by repaying evil with good?

How has your life born fruit for the kingdom of God because you repaid evil with good?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Do what is right so that you will be able to overcome evil with good.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to overcome evil by doing what is right.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group doing what is right has made you able to overcome evil.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you overcome evil with good by doing what is right.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will overcome evil with good by doing what is right.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I overcome evil today by doing what is right?
