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Scorecard

Do you keep a scorecard of those who have wronged you? Do you want to get even with those who have harmed you? Would you like to right every wrong and avenge every hurt? If you could, would you repay every evil with your very own evil? What can I say? You know every one of my thoughts, words and deeds. Nothing is hidden from you. Yes, I have kept a scorecard of those who have wronged me. I have been very slow to forgive and forget those who have harmed me. Even when I have forgiven others and let go of the pain that I have endured, I have almost never come to live in a restored relationship with those who have hurt me. **That's not good.** Yes, I know.

If you know where you have fallen short and missed the mark, what would you like to do differently? I would like to forgive others just as you have forgiven me. I would like to love others just as you have loved me. **That is very good. What else?** I would like to leave revenge up to you. It is not my job to judge others. It is not my role to avenge wrongs that have been committed against me. I will leave all that up to you. **That will be very good. What else?** Instead of seeking to get even, I would like to do what is right and good to everyone. I would like to do what is honorable in the eyes of all. **Including me?** I especially want to do what is honorable in your eyes. I want to be a bold and bright witness for you in the world. I want others to see your life being lived out in and through my life. **That will be very good. What will you experience when you do what is honorable in the eyes of all?** When I treat others with honor I will live in peace. I will make friends with those who have been my enemies. I will win over people who have been my adversaries. **Yes, you will. Others will want the life that you will be living. They will want what you have. They will want to live in an intimate relationship with me. Will you let me use you in this way?** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, I will set aside vengeance and leave that to you. It's not my role. It's not my responsibility. Instead, I will think, speak and act in ways that are honorable to all. Help me to live in peace with others so I can be a bold and bright witness for you in the world. Amen

God's Will*Mine To Avenge*

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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.

NIV

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*Vengeance Is Mine*

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."

ESV

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*I Will Take Revenge*

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.

NLT

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*Vengeance Is Mine*

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.

NKJV

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*Vengeance Is Mine*

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."

NRSV

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*I'll Do The Judging*

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."

MSG

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*Vengeance Is Mine*

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.

AMP

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*He Will Repay*

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.]

TLB

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*Vengeance Is Mine*

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.

NASB

Romans 12:17-19

God's Will*I Will Replay*

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.

NCV

Romans 12:17-19

Vengeance Is Mine

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

God's Will – Romans 12:17-19

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?)***

Lord, I will set aside vengeance and leave that to you. It's not my role. It's not my responsibility. Instead, I will think, speak and act in ways that are honorable to all. Help me to live in peace with others so I can be a bold and bright witness for you in the world. Amen

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

When have you made improper efforts to seek vengeance against someone who has wronged you?

Why is it improper and sinful for you to take on the job of seeking vengeance?

Why will seeking vengeance always come back to harm you even though it might seem justified?

How are you trying to do what is honorable in the sight of everyone?

How has doing what is honorable in the sight of all helped you to live in peace with everyone?

How is doing what is honorable in the sight of all allowing you to be a witness for Jesus Christ?

Why will seeking vengeance make you an unfruitful and unproductive servant for Jesus Christ?

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

Think, speak and act in ways that are honorable in the sight of all so you can live in peace with everyone.

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

Have faith that it will be far better to leave vengeance to the Lord rather than taking it on yourself.

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are trying to do what is honorable to all.

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 your thoughts, words and deeds be honorable instead of repaying others with evil for evil.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will think, say and do what is honorable instead of repaying others with evil for evil.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what honorable, thoughts, words and deeds do you want me to think, say, or do today?
