

Relationships That Matter Message 7 “Our Loving Relationship with Our Enemies”

Romans 12:17-21

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I. Love **Avenges Not** (vs 17a, 19a)

1Thessalonians 5:15 “See that none render evil for evil unto any man...”

1 Peter 3:8-9 “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: ⁹ Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”

II. Love **Trusts God** (vs 19b)

III. Love **Does Right** (vs 17b)

IV. Love **Lives Peaceably** (vs 18)

Matthew 5:9 “**Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**”

V. Love is **Kind** (vs 20)

Proverbs 25:21-22 “If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:²² For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.”

VI. Love is **Victorious** (vs 21a)

VII. Love is **Overcoming** (vs 21b)

VIII. The **Good** Application

a. We Must Have “Good” **Knowledge**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Romans 10:17 “”So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 15:4 “”For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Philippians 4:8-9 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

b. We Must Have “Good” **Influences**

Proverbs 12:26 “The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor: but the way of the wicked seduceth them.”

Proverbs 13:20 “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

Proverbs 22:24-25 “Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:
²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.”

c. We Must Have “Good” **Actions**

1 John 4:10 “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”