

Chapter 12: "Overcome Evil With Good"*

Romans 12:21 (NKJV)

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

Why we can overcome evil with good.

1. God's ways are not the _____ ways. (2 Cor 10:3–5)
2. We should be guided, motivated, and empowered by our _____ in Christ. (2 Cor 5:16–20)
3. God has given us divine weapons to use in our quest for peace. (Eph 6:10–18; Gal 5:22–23)

Principles from Romans 12:14–21

Control your tongue. (12:14)

"The more intense a dispute becomes, the more important it is to control your tongue."

- Avoid / prevent _____ offenses. (See 1 Peter 3:9.)
- Maintain a _____ attitude and an accurate _____ on your situation.

Seek Godly advisors. (12:15–16)

Battling evil alone is very difficult. You need to surround yourself with those who will:

- _____ you and give you sound Biblical advice.
- Willing to _____ and admonish you when you are in the wrong. (See Proverbs 27:5–6.)

Keep doing what is right. (12:17)

- "Be careful" = give thought to the future. (See 2 Cor 8:20–21; 1 Pet 2:12, 15; 3:15b–16; 1 Samuel 24:17–20.)
- Do what is _____ even if your opponent will not.

Recognize your limits. (12:18–19)

- You cannot _____ others to do what is right.
- You are _____ to do everything in your power to resolve the conflict—this is all God asks of you.
- After you have done what you can do, it may not be wise or necessary to waste time and energy on those who refuse to be reconciled.
- Two key commitments:
 - Have a Biblical view of _____.
 - Reject the temptation to take personal _____.(Prov 20:22; 24:29)

Use the ultimate weapon. (12:20–21)

The ultimate weapon: _____ . (Luke 6:27–28; 1 Cor 13:4–7)

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