

Romans 12:17-21

first God
then the church
now... our enemies...

17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. 19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine," says the Lord.

Don't react but respond to God

don't you be the one to upset the peace...

wrath is God's business not ours

is written, "Vengeance is Mine," says the Lord.

Jesus said:

1. Bless them
2. Pray for them
3. Greet them
4. Do them good

How does God bring vengeance?

1. Direct
2. natural moral Law
3. HELL
4. government

20 "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

an anticipation of Judgment

on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome

evil with good.

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when we act on anger we go over to the darkside

and "give the devil a place"

Life Group Application Questions

1. How did this text affect you? Comfort or shame?
2. Who has a story on having to squelch anger and do the right thing
3. What does it mean "overcome by evil"?
or "don't give the devil an opportunity"