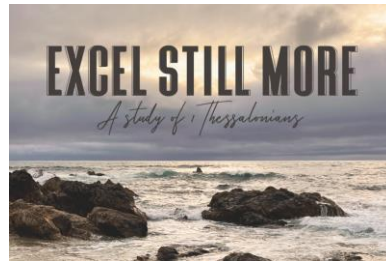


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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1 Thessalonians 5:15

**The Believer's Guide for Living and Striving After Holiness in the Lord's Church,
Part 3: Seek After That Which Is Good**

Main Idea:

Disciples of Jesus must never take personal revenge for a wrong suffered. Rather, they must trust in His sovereignty, and seek to do good to and for all.

Outline:

Two Important Truths About the Believer and Revenge

- 1) The Disciple of Jesus must never take revenge

- 2) Instead, he is to proactively seek after that which is good for all

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What do we mean when we say that God is sovereign? What does His sovereignty extend to? Is it limited?

#2 Is God just? Search the Bible for texts that proclaim God's justice.

Will God ultimately allow wrong to go unpunished?

What does the cross mean in this respect for believers?

#3 How do we affirm God's sovereignty by refusing to personally avenge the wrongs we suffer in this life?

#4 Do you agree that refusing to take our own revenge when wronged can be a powerful witness to the unbelieving?

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