

Living The Word Devotionals



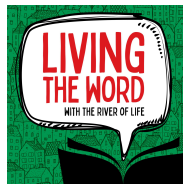
Don't be Overcome



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“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21 ESV

You have all heard it said, “An eye for an eye” and this is biblical. But what we tend to do is take biblical truth out of context. When someone hears the phrase “eye for an eye” what is the first thing that pops into your mind? For me, it is revenge or getting even. But what we tend to do is not just get even, we want to get back on top. They hurt us so we want them to hurt more.



I believe Paul knew this and that could be one of the reasons he said this. He wanted to encourage his fellow believers to not give in and to not be overcome by evil. But when given the opportunity, choose good. And this is by no means easy.

Satan loves to prey on us believers and wants to devour us or at least cause us to stumble. So, maybe he causes someone to act harshly to us or hurt us in one way or another hoping we choose our fleshly desire. Because in our eyes we can quickly justify it as being “fair”.

But we cannot do that. The only way we can fight against this is by being connected to the Father. The more we are rooted in Him the easier it can be to overcome evil with good. Instead of seeing it as “fair” we can look to the cross. Ask yourselves, “Was it fair that Jesus was mocked, deserted, flogged, humiliated, and killed wrongly?” No, it was not fair but he did it anyway for a higher purpose! He did it for the ones who would trust and believe in Him. He did it to mend the broken and fill the gap between us and the Father.

So, in the same way, overcome evil with good because in one way or another God will be glorified and Satan will remain the loser he is. Evil is ultimately already defeated it just doesn't know it yet but we can give it a small glimpse by walking in the Lord's strength and not our own.

Make some moves Christian.

Lord, help us to overcome evil with good. Help us to fight against our fleshly instincts. Keep us rooted in You and help us to continue fighting the good fight! We love you Lord and are thankful for Your Word and being the Light to our paths. It's in Your name we pray, Amen.

