

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

1. Cain was spiritually out of step with God.

*Genesis 4:5 . . . on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.*

2. Cain was angry.

*Genesis 4:5 . . . So Cain was very angry . . .*

3. Cain was jealous.

Cain misdirected his anger at his brother.

4. Cain was blaming.

5. Cain was unteachable.

*Genesis 4:7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? . . .*

6. Cain was deceiving.

*Genesis 4:8 Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field . . .*

7. Cain violently murdered his brother.

*Genesis 4:8 . . . And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*

8. Cain lied to cover up his crime.

*Genesis 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"*

I am my brother's keeper!

1. I am to bless my brother who mistreats me.

*Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

*17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.*

*19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:*

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

2. I am to empathize with my brother who needs me.

*Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.*

3. I am to make peace with my brother who is at odds with me.

*Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

*18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

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