



"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.