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Overcoming

Evil with Good

QUESTION

Can You think of a time when someone hurt you or offended you?

ROMANS 12:21 NKJV

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

MATTHEW 16:13-18 NKJV

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” 14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

MATTHEW 16:13-18 NKJV

**Jesus answered and said to him,
“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for
flesh and blood has not revealed this to
you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18**

**And I also say to you that you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build My
church, and the gates of Hades shall
not prevail against it.**

MATTHEW 12:25-28 NKJV

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

THOUGHT

**Repaying evil for evil is
actually evil...**

TRUTH

We Don't have to sit around passively when evil confronts us. Instead, we can front evil with goodness and blessing.

TRUTH

**In effect, I responding to evil
with goodness we are actually
bringing light into the darkness.**

PROVERBS 15:1 NKJV

**A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.**

TRUTH

**I would rather lose an argument
with you than lose you to an
argument.**

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TRUTH

**Losing an argument is better
than losing a friend.**

- unk

ROMANS 12:17-21 NKJV

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

ROMANS 12:17-21 NKJV

Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Don't repay evil for evil.**
- 2. Live in peace with everyone if possible.**
- 3. Don't take revenge but leave that to God.**
- 4. Give your enemy food and drink.**
- 5. Overcome evil with good.**

ROMANS 5:19-21 NKJV

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

QUOTE

**Our Hope it's not in this world,
and our end is Christ. - NR**

QUOTE

God's goodness is stronger than any evil.

- unk

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

1. I am not the judge; God is. He will do what is right.

GENESIS 18:25 NKJV

Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

2. As a Christian my response to evil should not copy the world's behavior but reflect Christ.

ROMANS 12:1-2 NKJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

3. Keeping my eyes on Jesus helps me to know how to respond when I am treated poorly.

HEBREWS 12:2 NKJV

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD

4. God is always watching my choices and he wants to reward me for obeying Him.

MATTHEW 5:43-48 NKJV

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

MATTHEW 5:43-48 NKJV

For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

QUOTE

**You can't get back at the devil
by acting like the devil...
overcome evil with good. - anon**