

The Heart of the Christian Life (Pt. 5)

Romans 12:9-21

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E. Our Response to Evil (17-21)

1. Never return evil (17a).
2. Do what's right (17b).
3. Pursue peace (18).
4. Never seek revenge but do them good (19-20)
 - Never take your own revenge (19a).
 - Entrust yourself to God's justice (1 Pet. 2:21-23).
 - Do good to your enemy (20)
5. Overcome evil with good (21)

Imitate Your Father!

1. He never does what is evil in response to evil (Mt. 5:44-45; Lk. 6:35).
2. He always is and does what is morally right (Ps. 116.5).
3. He relentlessly pursues reconciliation with His enemies at great personal cost to Himself (2 Cor. 5:18-21).
4. He delays His just wrath and is patient and long-suffering, because He is not willing for any to perish but all to come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9).
5. He is the ultimate example of doing good and being generous to His enemies (Mt. 5:44-45; Lk. 6:35; Rom. 2:4; 5:8).