

## Overcome Evil with Good 2

*Rom 12.14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 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. 20 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.*

\* **What is** one of the main reasons we struggle to understand the NT commands to love and do good to our enemies?

*Exo 23.4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.*

*Prov 25.21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.*

\* **What does** "love your neighbor as yourself" mean in Lv 19?

*Vs 34 "The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."*

*Vs 9 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God.*

*Vs 11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. 15 You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.*

*Vs 35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 You shall have honest scales, honest weights, ... and ... honest [measures]: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.*

*Vs 16 You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.*

\* **If we** are on the receiving end of someone who has ill will toward us, what is one of the most powerful things we can do if God gives us the opportunity? (Exo 23.4-5; Prov 25.21-22)

\* **What is the gateway to unity?**

\* **What if** they don't come around? (Rm 12.17, 19)

*John 5.22 The Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,*

*1Kings 8.31-32 "When anyone sins against his neighbor, ... and comes and takes an oath before Your altar ..., then hear in heaven, ... and judge your servants, condemning the wicked, bringing his own way on his head, and justifying the righteous by giving him according to his righteousness."*

\* **What is** Paul driving at in vs 16?

– *"Be of the same mind toward one another."*

– *"Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion."*

*1Pet 3.8 [A]ll of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For "He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."*

\* **What is** Paul driving at in vs 17-18?