# "VICTORY OVER EVIL"

## ROMANS 12:17-21

1. **CHRISTIANS HAVE SUCCUMBED TO RESORTING TO UNSCRIPTURAL RESPONSES TO EVIL**
   1. Isolation
   2. Combat
   3. Violence
2. **CHRISTIANS MUST OBEY THE MANDATE TO BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD (12:17-21)**
   1. We Are Never To Repay Evil With Evil (12:17)  
      1. There Are Other Legitimate Options
      2. There Must Be Patience Under Provocation
   2. We Are To Co-Exist Peaceably With All Men (12:18)  
      1. Implacable People May Make This Impossible
      2. Immutable Principles May Make This Impossible
      3. Impotent Pretexts May Make This Impossible  
         1. Peace Is Within Your Power Even When Someone Hates You
         2. Peace Is Within Your Power Even When Someone Transgresses Against You
   3. We Are Never To Avenge Ourselves (12:19-20)  
      1. The Old Testament Provides A Clear Precedent
      2. The God Of Heaven Meets Out Justice In Righteous Proportions
      3. The Believer Can Subdue His Enemy By His Kindness