

"VICTORY OVER EVIL"

ROMANS 12:17-21

I. CHRISTIANS HAVE SUCCUMBED TO RESORTING TO UNSCRIPTURAL RESPONSES TO EVIL

- A. Isolation
- B. Combat
- C. Violence

II. CHRISTIANS MUST OBEY THE MANDATE TO BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD (12:17-21)

A. We Are Never To Repay Evil With Evil (12:17)

- 1. There Are Other Legitimate Options
- 2. There Must Be Patience Under Provocation

B. 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

- a. Peace Is Within Your Power Even When Someone Hates You
- b. Peace Is Within Your Power Even When Someone Transgresses Against You

C. 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