

ROMANS 12:17-21

**OVERCOME EVIL
WITH GOOD**

PROVIDE FOR WHAT IS GOOD

- “*Have regard*” – *pronoeō* – to consider in advance, i.e. look out for beforehand (actively, by way of maintenance for others; middle voice by way of circumspection for oneself): — provide (for). (STRONG)
- Abhor evil and cling to good – **Romans 12:9;**
1 Thessalonians 5:19-22
- Repay no one evil for evil but seek peace –
Romans 12:18

GIVE PLACE TO WRATH

- *“leave it to the wrath of God” (ESV); “leave room for the wrath of God” (NASB)*
- Wrath of man does not produce God’s righteousness – **James 1:20; Romans 3:5-6**
- Vengeance belongs to God – **Psalm 94**
- Example of David – **1 Samuel 24:6; 26:9-11**
- Jesus did not retaliate but committed Himself to God – **1 Peter 2:20-24**
- Not retaliate, but wait on the Lord – **James 5:4-8**

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- Our goal is to overcome evil – Battle within (Ephesians 6:10-13; Galatians 5:16-17); Battle without (Matthew 5:13-16; Ephesians 5:8-14)
- Such was Jesus' goal, and darkness did not overcome Him – John 1:4-5
- Evil is not overcome with evil, but only compounded. It is overcome with good – Romans 12:20-21
 - A general principle that applies to countless matters.

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