

# Overcoming Evil

**1. Seek to communicate privately with the person who has wronged you. Matt. 18:15.** “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.”

**2. If you can't get the matter settled, take one or two with you. Matt. 18:16.** “But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three wit-nesses every word may be established.’ ”

**3. If that doesn't work, tell it to the church; seek help there. Matt. 18:17.** “And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

**4. Bless those who persecute you. Rom. 12:14.** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

**5. Paul tells how to overcome evil and how to react when someone wrongs you. Rom. 12:17–21.**

**6. Do not seek revenge. Rom. 12:17.** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **Rom. 12:19.** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. **Prov. 20:22.** Do not say,

“I will recompense evil”; Wait for the Lord, and He will save you.

**7. Pursue peace with everyone. Rom. 12:18.** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

**8. Overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21.** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**9. Imitate Jesus by suffering wrongfully, if need be; in no way should you try to get even. 1 Peter 2:18–23. 1 Peter 2:21.** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **1 Peter 3:8–9.** Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 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. Love your enemies and do good to them. Matt. 5:43–47. Rom. 12:20.** 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.”

**11. Turn the other cheek; be kind to the person who has wronged you. Matt. 5:38–42. 1 Thess. 5:15.** See that no

one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for your-selves and for all.

**12. Do not testify against your neighbor, nor seek revenge. Prov. 24:28–29.** Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause, For would you deceive with your lips? Do not say, “I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.”

**13. Moses gives a practical example of what to do after someone has wronged you. Exod. 23:4–5.** “If you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 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.”