

The Believer's Response To An Evil World

Romans 12: 17-21

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Imperial & Metric Sizes



Verse 17

Believers: Live above reproach

You are an ambassador in enemy territory

As an ambassador in enemy territory, what am I to do?

2 Corinthians 5: 20

GIANT don't do – Don't payback like this world system or respond like earth dwellers

GIANT do – *“Repay no one evil for evil”*

GIANT do – *“Have regard for good things in the sight of all men”*
– do good to your fellow man

Good = favorable, beneficial; things that are done according to God and His Word

This is important for you, ambassador! – Philippians 1: 27

Verse 18

Believers: Live at peace with all men

Bring peace to a situation if you can: *“as much as depends on you”*

For real peace to occur, there must be an agreement between parties to desire peace

Christian, your job is to do your part and have a spirit of reconciliation

Reconciliation = bring back into right relationship; from an enemy to a friend

We are not responsible for how someone responds to our attempt at peace

We are responsible for doing our part; we are responsible for living out our peace

We must never sacrifice truth to preserve peace; *evil triumphs when truth is compromised!*

Jesus told us in the midst of life's peace stealers we can choose peace –

John 14: 27

John 16: 33

Tap into your peace provider, tap into God!

Don't get stuck in the quagmire of emotional churning

CHOOSE PEACE!

Verse 19

Believers: Do not avenge yourselves

We are not to take revenge into our hands

But we can defend against assault

Plain and simple: *Vengeance belongs to God!*

Verse 20 - 21

Believers: Overcome evil with good

Fallen humanity's flesh nature is revenge

Let's be honest, my nature is revenge, to payback!

Jesus' way is counter to my way; it is counter to my fallen nature

Instead of payback, we are to bless our enemies

- this is plain HARD!

I cannot respond my way, I am under Jesus' orders

- Matthew 5: 44

We love our enemies because God commanded us to, *not because we feel like doing it!*

CLOSE: THINK ABOUT IT

The Jesus Way is the opposite of this evil world's way

You are here as a representative/ambassador of Christ's kingdom in an evil world

We are not part of the kingdom of this evil world
(Satan's kingdom)

How we conduct ourselves as kingdom representatives is of utmost importance:

“Repay no one evil for evil” = the Jesus Way!

“If possible . . . live peaceably with all men” = the Jesus Way!

“Do not avenge yourselves” = the Jesus Way!

Brothers and sisters, ***“You are the salt of the earth”*** - Matthew 5:13

The presence of salt affects the whole – ***IMPACT!***

5% salt (5% true Christians) will change the world – ***IMPACT!***

Salt must be in contact with the world to work – ***IMPACT!***

Jesus warned that ***“if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?”***

The Church, or believer, loses its flavor when it compromises with the world

When we live counter to the world, counter culture, we are salty – ***we will IMPACT!***

The believer’s response to an evil world is to stay salty, stay engaged, even when it is scary

*Our KING deserves our
best after all!*



"WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT
SAFE? 'COURSE HE ISN'T
SAFE. BUT HE'S GOOD. HE'S
THE KING, I TELL YOU." —

C.S LEWIS

HE IS KING AND WORTHY TO BE SERVED!!



I
HAVE
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TO

FOLLOW

JESUS

NO TURNING BACK

- Follow the -
JESUS
WAY

ALWAYS!