

Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them

Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give
thought to do what is honorable in
the sight of all.

If possible, so far as it depends on
you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the wrath of God, for
it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I
will repay, says the Lord.”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

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Revelation 6:9-10

When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?””

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

1 Corinthians 16:22

If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

Matthew 26:23-24

He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

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1 Corinthians 8:1

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Philippians 3:15

Let those of us who are mature think this way,
and if in anything you think otherwise, God will
reveal that also to you.

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 - c. Accommodate, if possible, to be at peace. V. 18
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