



Enemies, *Grace*, AND REVENGE

"Caring About Christ's Reputation"

Romans 12:17-18

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

1. Be _____ (v.17)

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (ESV)

2. Respond _____ (v.17)

3. Realize _____ (v.18)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. As noted earlier in this series when we looked at Christ's correctives for common misapplications of Scripture (Mt.5:17-48), many had used the biblical principles of justice which applied in the courtroom to justify their own vindictive retaliation in personal settings. How does this kind of thinking still happen today? In other words, how do Christians sometimes justify spiteful and retaliatory (i.e., evil) responses when they are mistreated?
2. Read **Psalm 9:7-10**. How does faith in God (or a lack thereof) impact a Christian's ability to respond graciously and magnanimously when they are mistreated?
3. Read **1 Timothy 3:7**. Why should we care what non-Christians think of us?
4. Read **Proverbs 14:29**. What specific counsel would you give a Christian who says he usually responds quickly and without thinking when he is wronged?
5. What practical steps can you take to ensure that you slow down, so that you can respond strategically the next time you are treated unjustly?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

March 20th

Josh. 1-3 & Lk. 1:57-80

March 21st

Josh. 4-6 & Lk. 2:1-24

March 22nd

Josh. 7-8 & Lk. 2:25-52

March 23rd

Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 3

March 24th

Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32

March 25th

Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

March 26th

Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th

Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 1108 – **Learning Counterintuitive Responses**

CD # 9915 – **How to Get Satisfaction without Getting Even**

CD # 0721 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

CD # 0120 – **Practicing Wholehearted Forgiveness**

CD # 9609 – **Lessons on Hate from the Old Testament**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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