

“Right when Wronged”

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Romans 12:17-21

Intro.

I. **Wrong** response

- A. Evil for **evil** (v 17a)(Leviticus 24:17-22)
- B. **Revenge** (v 19a)
- C. Overcome by **evil** (v 21a)

II. **Right** response

- A. **Consider** good (v 17b)
[*pronoēō*] - to take thought for, care for a thing
- B. Live **peaceably** (if possible) (v 18)(Ephesians 4:29)
 - 1. Not pacifism
 - 2. Defense
 - 3. The goal is peace
- C. Let **God** work (v 19b)
- D. Be a **blessing** (v 20) (Romans 12:14; Matthew 5:44)
[*eulogeō*] to invoke blessings
 - 1. Don't curse
 - 2. Contrary to our nature
 - 3. Hospitable (Proverbs 25:21-22a)

E. **Live** goodly/godly (v 21b)(Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 3:8-9)

III. **God's** response

- A. **Vengeance** (v 19c)(Deuteronomy 32:35a)
To bring about repentance
- B. **Retribution** (v 19c) (Revelation 19:15)
Justice (Isaiah 5:20-23)

Conclusion

God has got it (Romans 8:28, 31-35, 37-39)

Testify of God's grace to the world (Mark 12:31)

We need to do what is right when wronged (James 4:17)

Your Action Point(s): _____

“The heart is a bucket. The lips can only draw from what's in the heart, and an untransformed heart contains an unsatiable desire to protect its own rights.” C. Swindoll

Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin. You're going to live with those consequences whether you want to or not; your only choice is whether you will do so in the bitterness of un-forgiveness or the freedom of forgiveness. - Neil Anderson

Next week: Series on prayer.