

## **Obsessed With Revenge**

### **Romans 12:14-21**

*When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.*

1 Peter 2:23

### **I. Speak Blessing, Not Cursing**

*Speak blessing, not cursing, over those who reject and persecute you. Celebrate with those who celebrate, and weep with those who grieve. Live happily together in a spirit of harmony, and be as mindful of another's worth as you are your own. Don't live with a lofty mind-set, thinking you are too important to serve others, but be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded. Don't be smug or even think for a moment that you know it all.*

Romans 12:14-16

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

Romans 12:14-16

### **II. Never Try To Get Even**

*Never hold a grudge or try to get even, but plan your life around the noblest way to benefit others. Do your best to live as everybody's friend. Beloved, don't be obsessed with taking revenge, but leave that to God's righteous justice. For the Scriptures say: "If you don't take justice in your own hands, I will release justice for you," says the Lord.*

Romans 12:17-19

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*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written:*

*"It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

Romans 12:17-19

### **III. Overcome Evil With Good**

*If your enemy is hungry, buy him lunch!  
Win him over with kindness.*

*For your surprising generosity will awaken his conscience,  
and God will reward you with favor.*

*Never let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.*

Romans 12:20-21

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.*

*In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

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

Romans 12:20-21