

# How Can I Overcome Evil with Good?

## Romans 12:21



- \* God's way always challenges our fleshly \_\_\_\_\_ and calls us to live at a higher level by the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ was the perfect example of overcoming evil with good (1 Peter 2:23, John 1:12; 3:16–18; 20:31).
- \* We \_\_\_\_\_ evil the same way, with good. The Lord says that \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to Him and He will repay (Heb. 10:30, Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).
- \* When we refuse to respond in kind to those who would persecute us, their evil actions stand alone, whereas \_\_\_\_\_ brings us down to the level of the instigators. When we return a soft word, a \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ to someone who has wronged us, we leave the perpetrator alone in his evil.
- \* Paul quotes (Prov. 25:21–22) in (Rom. 12:20), just before his command to “*overcome evil with good.*” To “*heap burning coals on his head*” probably refers to the natural response of the enemy to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Nothing makes us feel more shamed and embarrassed by our actions than someone reacting to our hurtful behavior with gentle \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* If we remember a few key things, we are on our way to overcoming evil with good:
  1. I am not the \_\_\_\_\_; God is. He will do what is right (Gen. 18:25)
  2. As a Christian, my response to evil should not copy the world's behavior but \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, who is in me (Rom. 12:1–2)
  3. Keeping my \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus helps me know how to respond when I am treated poorly (Heb. 12:2)
  4. God is always \_\_\_\_\_ and evaluating my choices, and He wants to reward me for obeying Him (Matt. 5:43–48)
- \* Jesus reminded the Pharisees that Satan cannot drive out Satan (Matt. 12:25–28). Likewise, \_\_\_\_\_ cannot drive out \_\_\_\_\_. An evil response only doubles the evil.
- \* When we respond to evil in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we are proving that good triumphs over wickedness.
- \* We cannot stop people from doing evil, but they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ us to participate with them. It takes no power, might, or wisdom to retaliate against evildoers. But \_\_\_\_\_ good for evil is one of the greatest demonstrations of strength.