

**Romans Lesson #12**  
**Overcoming Evil with Good Romans 12, 13**

**Memory Verse**    **Get Scriptures to read**

**Romans 12:2** “Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”.

**Your Reasonable Service**

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Millions of dollars are being spent by NASA, Japan, and the European Space Agency to train people to live and survive on Mars in 20 years.

**1 John 2:15–17** (NKJV) *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

**\*James 4:4** (NKJV) *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

**2 Peter 1:4** (NKJV) *by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

**2 Peter 2:20** (NKJV) *For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.*

**To Think Soberly**

**Romans 12:3** (NKJV) *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

**Sober = To think and live wisely with self-control or desires and passions.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:6** (NKJV) *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

**\*1 Timothy 3:2** (NKJV) *A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach;*

**Titus 2:12** (NKJV) *teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,*  
**1 Peter 5:8** (NKJV) *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**The Body**

**Romans 12:4–8** (NKJV) *For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*

<sup>6</sup> *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**READ - 1 Corinthians 12:12–26**

**Ephesians 4:11** (NKJV) *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

**Ephesians 4:16** (NKJV) *from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

**Fight Evil with Good**

**Romans 12:17–21** (NKJV) *Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” \*Not to consume, but to melt him into kindness; a metaphor taken from smelting metallic ores.*

<sup>21</sup> *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Luke 6:27–29** (NKJV) *“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. <sup>29</sup> To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.*

**1 Peter 3:9** (NKJV) *not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.*

Chinese gardeners carried water uphill for enemies.

### The Christian and the State

**Romans 13:1–4** (NKJV) *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. <sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.*

**\*Titus 3:1** (NKJV) *Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,*

**1 Peter 2:13–15** *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—*

### Love One Another

**Romans 13:8–10** (NKJV) *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

**\*John 13:34** (NKJV) *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

**Matthew 22:37–40** (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "*

*<sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*

**Leviticus 19:18** (NKJV) *You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4–5** (NKJV) *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

**1 Corinthians 13:4–8** (NKJV) *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

### Now Is Our Salvation

**Romans 13:11–14** (NKJV) *And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

**Matthew 25:4–5** (ESV) *but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept.*

**Mark 13:35–37** (ESV) *Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."*

**1 Thessalonians 5:6–8** (NKJV) *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.*

**Jonah 1:6** (NKJV) *So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish."*