

OVERCOMING EVIL  
(Rom.12:21)

Introduction:

1. Evil is abroad in the land. 1Pet.5:8
2. Evil men wax worse and worse. 2Tim.3:13
3. Satan transforms himself into an angel of light in order to deceive. 2Cor.11:13-14

1. Overcome or Be Overcome.

1. Joseph overcame evil. Gen.39
  1. Refused to betray his masters trust.
  2. Refused to sin against God.
  3. Resist the devil and he flees. Jas.4:7
2. Peter was overcome of Satan.Mt.26:29-75
  1. He chose to follow afar off.
  2. He associated with the wrong crowd.
  3. He became like his associates. Cursed.
3. Overcome evil with good.
  1. Principle set by Christ. Mt.5:38-44
  2. Jesus practiced it. 1Pet.2:23
  3. Apostles practiced it. Ac.5:41
  4. Paul's admonition to do good. Rom.12:20

2. Proper Attitude Toward Evil. 1Jno.2:15-17

1. Love not the world. Abhor evil. Rom.12:9
2. Love not the things of the world.
  1. Lust of the flesh.
  2. Lust of the eye.
  3. Pride (vainglory) Of life.
3. Cannot love God and the world. Mt.6:24

3. Proper Relation To Evil. 2Cor.6:17-18

1. Separate yourself from the evil.
2. Touch not the unclean thing.
3. God heals the separated.

4. Proper Action Toward Evil. Eph.5:11-18

1. Have no fellowship with darkness. vs.11
2. It is ashamed to speak of them. Repeat not!
3. Look carefully how you walk. vs.15
4. Understand the will of the Lord. vs.17
5. Be not drunk, but filled with the Spirit.
6. Abstain from **all** appearance of evil. 1Thes.5:22