

Romans 12:14-21, Contemporary English Version

Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Rom 12:16 Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.

Rom 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Rom 12:19 Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Rom 12:20 On the contrary:

"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."

Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:14-21, The Message

Rom 12:14 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath.

Rom 12:15 Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down.

Rom 12:16 Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up.

Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

Rom 12:17 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone.

Rom 12:18 If you've got it in you, get along with everybody.

Rom 12:19 Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do.

"I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Rom 12:20 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink.

Your generosity will surprise him with goodness.

Rom 12:21 Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Romans 12:14-21, Good News Bible

Rom 12:14 Ask God to bless those who persecute you---yes, ask him to bless, not to curse.

Rom 12:15 Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep.

Rom 12:16 Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise.

Rom 12:17 If someone has done you wrong, do not repay him with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good.

Rom 12:18 Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.

Rom 12:19 Never take revenge, my friends, but instead let God's anger do it. For the scripture says, "I will take revenge, I will pay back, says the Lord."

Rom 12:20 Instead, as the scripture says: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them a drink; for by doing this you will make them burn with shame."

Rom 12:21 Do not let evil defeat you; instead, conquer evil with good.