

1. Bless those who _____ you. (v. 14)

Notice that Paul _____ Christians will be persecuted.

But interpersonally, face to face with those who hate us, Christians are to show love rather than _____.

But Jesus showed us that non-retaliation, giving love for hate, blessing and praying instead of cursing is the way to give _____ to God when we encounter haters.

2. Never _____ evil for evil. (vv. 17-18)

So, as Christians, we should _____ retaliate when we are treated poorly.

Believers should consistently respond with what is pleasing to _____ and beneficial to _____.

And loving our enemies means always seeking _____.

3. Never take _____. (vv. 19-20)

The motivation here is outside of ourselves: to leave room for the _____ of God.

When we trust God in this way, He can also _____ the situation for His glory and our good.

We are to show _____ to those who consider themselves our enemies, feeding them if they are hungry and giving them water if they are thirsty. And our love should be limited to just these basics.

4. _____ evil with good. (v. 21)

Showing love to those who consider themselves our enemies involves a _____ view of good and evil.

First, we must not allow the evil done to us by _____ to overcome or overwhelm us.

Second, and even more important, we must not allow ourselves to be overcome by _____ evil.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Feb. 20, 2022

Getting to Know Me

- Do you have a favorite flavor of ice cream? If so, what is it and why?

- What is your shoe size?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Cursing people is still around in a big way, but blessing others has kind of gone out of style. Read the following verses. Who is doing the blessing and who is being blessed? What is the content or the result of the blessing (if anything)? (Mark 10:15-16; Luke 2:34-35; 6:28; 24:50-51; 1 Cor. 4:9-13; Eph. 1:3; 1 Pet. 3:9) What can we learn from all this?

- If we respect what others see as right and good, how is that going to help us give glory to God? (See 1 Pet. 2:12)

- How should we seek to keep our own evil from overcoming us? (Hint: See 1 John 1:9-10; Rom. 7:14-25; 12:1-2)

Application

- Have you ever struggled to be at peace with someone? Why? How did that relationship turn out?

- Have you ever been tempted to take your own revenge on someone? Did you do it or not? What was the result?