

**Transformed Living: From “Getting Even” to “Acts of Kindness”  
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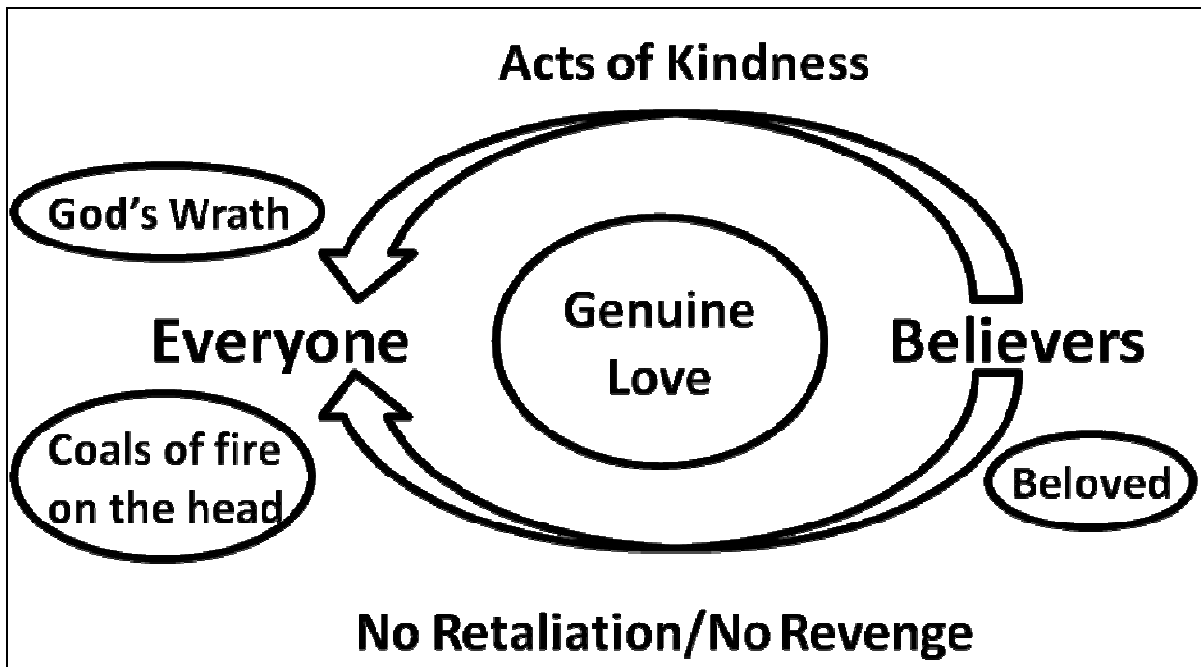
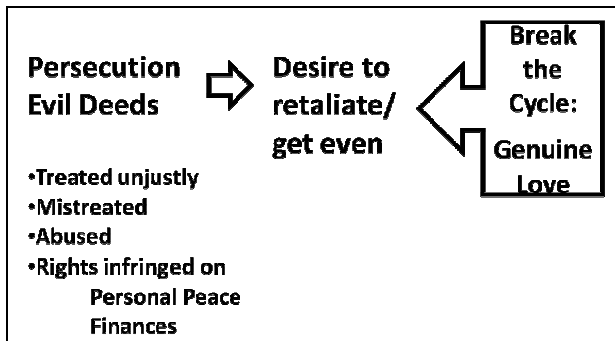
<sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you live peaceably with all.

<sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written,  
“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to  
drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

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



**“Love is  
the commitment of my will  
to your needs and best interests  
regardless of the cost.”**

## Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

### Monday-Tuesday

- Read Romans 12:17-21 and think through/discuss with a friend what persecution and evil deeds look like in your life. Follow that with a discussion about why we so naturally move to retaliation and trying to get even. Where does it come from and why do we do it?
- What do you discover from the following passages about the biblical Prohibition of retaliation: Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27-36; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; 1 Peter 2:23; 3:9? What is the pattern of Jesus and what does he ask us to do?
- For work in the Old Testament, look at Leviticus 19:18; 2 Chronicles 28:8-15; Proverbs 20:22; 24:29; 17:13.
- What do you find from the following passages about how to be kind to our enemies: Proverbs 25:21-22; 14:29; 19:11; 20:22; 24:17, 29. See also Exodus 23:4 and Leviticus 19:17-18.
- What principles have you learned and what can you do this week to put them into practice?

### Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Romans 12:17-21. Discuss with a friend what it means to “Do what is right in the eyes of God and in the eyes of men.” See 2 Corinthians 8:21; Romans 14:18; Titus 2:14.
- For further work in living out the implications of the gospel, so that even non-Christians will recognize the fact, see: Proverbs 3:4; Matthew 5:16; Luke 2:52; 2 Corinthians 4:2; 8:21; Titus 2:10.
- What character traits and what behaviors can you work on this week to help develop this area of your walk with God? Identify one area that you can begin putting into practice. Be sure to celebrate with a friend what God is doing in your life.

### Friday-Saturday

- Read Romans 12:17-21. What actions do you discover that would be considered acts of kindness? See also Proverbs 25:21-22. Further, see Matthew 5:43; Luke 6:27. What other actions can you identify?
- For further work, see Galatians 6:10; 1 Peter 2:11-12, 15; 3:16-17; 4:12-19.
- How would you define “be at peace with all men”? What does this peace look like and how can you actually apply it in your life? See Matthew 5:9; Mark 9:50; 2 Corinthians 13:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:13; Hebrews 12:14.
- What have you learned today that you can apply to your life? What do you need to trust God for? What do you need to let go? Share your plans with a friend.