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## Romans 12:19-21 (NIV)

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- "If your enemy is hungry, feed him;  
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.  
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- <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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- **Personal Vengeance**

- *“I'll get you back... even if it's the last thing I do”*

- *“I'll make sure you pay... and pay dearly”*

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- ❖ *but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written:*

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**Our Response:** *“Over My Dead Boy”*

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*Every natural human response within us Christian or non Christian is...?*

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*Do not be overcome by evil,*

What man can fight God and win??

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*Overcome by evil with good?*

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- **Do you want perfect justice?**
- *But I want it on my terms and in my timeframe*
- **Are you willing to pay the price?**
- *Are you willing to show kindness compassion and grace?*
- **Do you want victory over evil?**
- *Are you willing to overcome evil by good?*

# Don't **Get Mad...** Don't **Get Even**

- *Do you personal want to overcome evil?*
- *What price are you willing to pay for it?*
- *Do you want your Christian faith to have greater influence?*