

November 14, 2010

Overcoming Evil with Good

The _____ way to be an _____ is to be _____ by God.

Lessons from Joseph and R12 principles:

1. _____ to godly counsel.

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22

Pharaoh asked, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the Spirit of God?" Genesis 41:38

2. Do _____ when hurt, harmed, or hated.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Romans 12:17

Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure. Genesis 41:49

3. Stand firm _____ wrong.

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

"My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" Genesis 39:9

4. If possible, remain _____, leaving _____ for God.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath... Romans 12:18-19

Joseph's master took him and put him in prison... But while Joseph was there in prison, the Lord was with him and showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden. Genesis 39:20-21

5. _____ forgiveness.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

Joseph said to them... "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to Accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." Genesis 50:20-21

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The Profile of an r12 Disciple is ...

SURRENDERED TO GOD (Romans 12:1)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD (Romans 12:2)

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

SOBER IN SELF-ASSESSMENT (Romans 12:3-8)

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

SERVING IN LOVE (Romans 12:9-13)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL WITH GOOD (Romans 12:14-21)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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. 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. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about Island ECC | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about how to become a Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to church leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signing up for _____ (events / class / care group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Sharing a comment with the church leaders

Today I attended the service at:

- 9.30am 11.30am 5pm

On the:

- 1st Floor 2nd Floor

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Thank you for worshipping with us today! Do you have a praise item or a prayer request? Do you want to learn more about how you can get connected at Island ECC? Please take a moment to complete **both** sides of this form and place it in the offering bag, or at a designated box on the 1st or 2nd floor.

Name _____

Mobile Number _____

Email _____

Praise / Prayer _____

- If my praise / prayer request is shared publicly with the congregation at a Sunday service, please keep my name anonymous.