

# Practical Christian Living

Romans 12: 14-21

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## I. Dealing With Enemies

- A. Bless those who persecute you (v14)
- B. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone (vs17)
- C. Never take your own revenge (vv19-21)\*\*

### \*\* Addendum: Self-defense

- 1. The Biblical teaching of the precious value of human life – Genesis 9: 5b-6
- 2. Home invasion – Exodus 22: 2-3
- 3. Bearing arms – Luke 22: 35-36, Romans 13: 4; the symbol of the sword
- 4. David, the warrior king and a man after God's own heart – Psalm 18: 34  
Psalm 144: 1

## II. How to Treat One Another

- A. With genuine empathy (v15)
  - 1. Rejoice with those who rejoice
  - 2. Weep with those who weep
- B. Be of the same mind toward one another –  
in other words, treat everyone the same (vs16)
  - 1. Do not be haughty in mind
  - 2. Associate with the lowly
  - 3. Do not suppose yourself to be wise
- C. As much as possible, be at peace with everyone (v18)

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