

It is not our business to judge God's enemies. "'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Romans 12:19). Our business is to tell the world, and even those who oppose us, about His offer of salvation.

Paul gave us these instructions: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink' . . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (vv.20-21). We must overwhelm evil opponents with love if we can, bring them to Jesus if they will come, and leave judgment with God. —DHR

*It's easy to be kind and good  
To those who show us love,  
But loving those who won't respond  
Takes grace from God above. —Sper*

**The best weapon to use against your enemy is love.**



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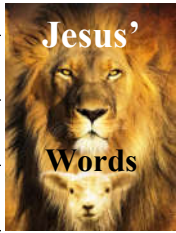
**Overcome Evil With Good**

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As Jesus began to make His way to Jerusalem, He sent messengers ahead to prepare a Samaritan village along the way for His arrival. But the people there rejected Him.

When James and John heard about their refusal, they fumed, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" (Luke 9:54). ... But when they asked if they could call down fiery judgment on the Samaritans, Jesus rebuked them.





# Stability

The chronologically associated passages in Luke 9 and Mark 10 lead us to see 4 life principles that will stabilise our lives through good and bad times:



## 1. Live in \_\_\_\_\_, Mark 10:32-34

**(Luke 9:51)** Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem,

**(Isaiah 50:7)** "... Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

**(Luke 18:31)** Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.

**(Luke 18:34)** But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.



**(Matthew 6:33-34)** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. [34] Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

**(Hebrews 13:5)** ... For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

**(Romans 8:35)** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

**(Romans 11:33)** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**(Galatians 2:20)** ... the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

## 2. Live in \_\_\_\_\_, Mark 10:33-34

**(Luke 1:38)** ... "Let it be to me according to your word." ...

**(Luke 2:27-29)** ... And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus... [28] he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: [29] "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word;

**(Luke 2:38)** And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

**(Daniel 9:2)** in the first year of his reign I, Daniel,



understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

**(Isaiah 50:6)** I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

**(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven .. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**(Matthew 24:37)** But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**(Matthew 24:42)** Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

**(Romans 13:11)** And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; .....

**(2 Peter 3:10-11)** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. [11] Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

**(Titus 2:12-13)** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, [13] looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

## 3. Live in \_\_\_\_\_, Luke 9:51—56

**(Romans 5:20)** Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

**(Romans 6:1-2)** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? [2] Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

**(Romans 6:15)** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

**(Galatians 5:13)** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

**(1 Peter 2:16)** [ we are] as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

**(2 Corinthians 5:14-15)** For the love of Christ compels us, .. [15] .. that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

**(Romans 6:13)** And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

**(1 Corinthians 6:20)** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## 4. Live in \_\_\_\_\_,

Luke 9:56

**(1 John 4:7)** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Sons of Thunder

