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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Biblical Forgiveness

{Romans 12:17-21}

- v.17) *“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.”*
- Revenge is a passion unbecoming in the children of God.
 - Forgiveness (releasing the debt someone owes you) will cost you something, you will have to deny yourself. [Mk 8:34]
 - “Provide things honest in the sight of all men.” – Have regard for (*respect*) good things in the sight of all men. (NKJV)
 - Be mindful about our conduct when we are offended because at all times we want to bring glory to our God. [Matt. 5:16]
- v.18) *“If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.”*
- Some people will quarrel so much that it is almost impossible to stay on good terms with them. [Acts 15:39,40]
- v.19) *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”*
- To give place to wrath, is to refrain from avenging yourself in order to give free course to the justice which God that He will exercise when and how He thinks is good.
 - It takes a certain attitude of heart to not only refrain from outward vengeance but also to not desire any harm to them. [Prov. 24:17]
- v.20) *“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.”*
- Christianity goes beyond non-resistance to active benevolence. We do not destroy our enemies with violence but we convert them with love.

