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Scripture Text: Romans 12:17-21 NLT

Sermon Subject: "Overcoming Evil With Good"

Introduction: Our text for consideration this morning comes from what I believe is one of the most profound and prolific chapters in the New Testament.

Romans, chapter 12, stands in relation to Christianity, as the Sermon on the Mount does that's found in Matthew, chapters five through seven.

For both these writers, Matthew, the Levi; and Paul, the Damascus Road Apostle, share in their writings – God's precepts and principles for His kingdom people.

The Apostle Paul shares with the believer in this twelfth chapter of Romans that their love for God ought to produce three things.

Those three things are Christian service; concern for one another, and the desire to always do good no matter what.

Sermon Points

Major Moment: Evil has been present since the fall of man, but the good news of the gospel is that evil can be overcome with good.

- **Pray With Purpose**
  - Romans 12:9
  - John 13:34
  - Romans 12:12
  - Luke 22:32
- **Pursue Good Passionately**
  - Romans 12:18
  - First John 4:4
  - First Peter 5:8
  - First Corinthians 15:57
- **Practice What You Preach**
  - Romans 12:21
  - Ephesians 6:10-11

Summary Verse: "So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand."

Romans 7:21 ESV