



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **LOVING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD**
Series: **TRANSFORMED: GOD'S POWER CHANGES EVERYTHING.**
Text: **Romans 12:14-21. SPEAKER: Kevin T. Hardy**

RELATIONSHIPS INSIDE THE CHURCH - Romans 12:9-13

RELATIONSHIPS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH - Romans 12:14-21

Opening Questions? How do you respond when people treat you unfairly? What do you do when you are offended, let down, or wronged?

3 WAYS TO LOVE THE WORLD

1. LOVE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO DO THE _____

*Be careful to **do what is right** in the eyes of everybody. (Ro 12:17).*

*If it is **possible**, as far as **it depends on you**, **live at peace with everyone.** (Ro 12:18).*

- DON'T _____ THE OFFENDER!

***Live in harmony with one another.** Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. (Ro 12:16).*

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and **there remember that your brother or sister has something against you**, leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled to them;** then come and offer your gift. (Matt. 5:23-23)*

- RECONCILIATION TAKES _____.
- ONE PERSON NEEDS TO _____ AND ONE NEEDS TO _____.

2. LOVE SHOULD NEVER LEAD TO _____

***Do not repay** anyone evil for evil. (Ro 12:17).*

***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. (Ro 12:19).*

- YOU ARE NOT THE _____ !
- LET GOD DOING THE _____.

THE GREAT EXAMPLE OF THIS IS _____ FORGIVING HIS BROTHERS.

“You meant evil against me, but **God meant it for good**” (Genesis 50:20)

3. LOVE REPAYS EVIL WITH _____

Bless those who persecute you; **bless and do not curse**. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. (Ro 12:14–15).

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**.” (Ro 12:20).

- IT WILL _____!
- Or IT WILL INCREASE GOD’S _____

MLK famously said, “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Do not be **overcome** by evil, but **overcome evil with good**. (Ro 12:21).