

I bless others in the church by living in community rather than isolation.

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 1 Peter 3:8 (ESV)

Unity of Mind

eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 (ESV)

Sympathy

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Romans 12:15 (ESV)

Brotherly Love

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10 (ESV)

Tender Heart

Humble Mind

I bless my enemies by doing them good and refusing to take revenge.

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless for to this you were called,... 1 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44 (ESV)

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Luke 6:27–29 (ESV)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Romans 12:14 (ESV)

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:17–21 (ESV)

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 (ESV)

When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 1 Peter 2:23 (ESV)

God ordained the government to punish those who do evil.

or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 1 Peter 2:14 (ESV) See also Romans 13:1-7

Why does God want me to bless my enemies?

Blessing my enemies is treating others like God is treating me.

But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:35–36 (ESV)

God promises to bless me when I bless others.

...for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:9–12 (ESV)

"Is this your voice, my Son David? ... You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil.... So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day." (1 Samuel 24:16, 17, 19)

"The Lord rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness. ... Blessed be you, my son David." (1 Samuel 26:23, 25)

What does blessing our enemies look like in real life?

Your love for our family has helped to provide the healing we so desperately need. Gifts you've given have touched our hearts in a way no words can describe. Your compassion has reached beyond our family, beyond our community, and is changing our world, and for this we sincerely thank you. - Marie Roberts

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January 25- 1 Peter 3:18-22 - Christ Suffered To Bring Us To God



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