

To Do-ers List: Always do Good



Day 6

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15 "See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people.

16 Always be joyful. 17 Never stop praying."

1 Thessalonians 5:15

There was a saying when I was growing up, "It's payback time." Eye for an eye. Tooth for a tooth. If someone did something to you, you did it back to them and then some. It was the law of the street. One of the problems with paybacks, however, is they never end. The cycle of hatred churns and escalates. Hatfield and McCoys.

Cain and Able.

Notre Dame and Michigan.

Do we even remember what we are fighting about?

God has a different idea.

Do good. **Always do good.** Instead of payback, pay-it-forward. Good for evil. Blessings replace cursing. Help instead of hate. **Always do good.**

Why?

Because that's what God does; it's who He is. It's what He did for us. While we were yet sinners, Jesus died on the cross for us. We were enemies of God by our wicked works and He died for us. What if He had waited for us to do something GOOD until He did something good? He'd still be waiting while we spent eternity in hell.

What is good?

In the Greek, *good* translates as *agathos*, which means *good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy, honorable, upright, excellent*. Part of the word means *sacrifice*. To ***always do good***, we must

sacrifice our right to be angry, our right to be hurt, and our right to be bitter.



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This one is hard for me. Really hard. I learned and lived by the law of the street. I can payback like the rest of 'em. It's a wonderful witness when you *convey a rude gesture* and have a fish sticker on the back of your mini-van. I still struggle with it today. Why? Pride. I'm better. I act better. I think better. How dare you do that to ME. It's ugly and sinful. But, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, I'm making progress.

Long time ago I came across the following maxim:



Satan repays good with evil;

Man repays evil with evil and good with good;

God repays evil with good.

Always do good.

It's a choice we make ... to love instead of hate, to bless instead of curse, to **always do good**. We were created in the image of God. Like Father, like daughter. He is good; therefore, we must **always do good**.

For Today:

Today will be tough. Look for ways to do good to those who aren't good to you. Doing good to another can be a kind deed, graceful words, or prayerful thoughts. Look to do good to everyone, regardless of how they treat you. Do we **always do good** because others deserve it? No, we **always do good** because it's the right thing to do.

Use the To-Doers List Study Guide or a

journaling app to plan and journal your day.

- [To Do-ers List Journal Study Guide PDF](#)
- [Days Lite: My Wonderful Life App](#) free app from App Store.

For ideas on how to always do good, please check the resources below.

- [Overcoming Evil with Good](#)

If you missed a few days, you can catch up by clicking the links below.

[To Do-ers List, Day 1: Love God](#)

[To Do-ers List, Day 2: Love Others](#)

[To Do-ers List, Day 3: Pray 'bout Everything](#)

[To Do-ers List: Day 4: Walk by Faith](#)

[To Do-ers List: Day 5: Word in Me](#)

Please take a moment to pray and ask God for His strength to do good to everyone you meet today (and the people you live with). Don't forget to leave a comment in the comment section below. Please remember, Jane and I have been praying for you. Have a blessed day!

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