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Romans 12:18<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

A close-up photograph of a silver crown with intricate designs, resting on an open book with visible text. A wooden gavel is partially visible in the lower-left corner. The background is a warm, textured surface, possibly wood or stone, with a soft light source creating a glow.

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## II Corinthians 11:23-29<sup>(NKJV)</sup>

“Are they ministers of Christ? --I speak as a fool--I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, **in perils among false brethren**; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness-- besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?”

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Galatians 5:15<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.”



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## Jude 3<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”





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Romans 12:19<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.”

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**Romans 12:17** (NKJV)

“Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.”

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Proverbs 24:29<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work.””

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## Genesis 50:15-21<sup>(NKJV)</sup>

“When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.'" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.”

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## I Peter 2:21-23<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”



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Hebrews 12:14,15<sup>(NKJV)</sup>

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”





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Are you in conflict with God?

James 4:4<sub>(NKJV)</sub>

“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”