

The people who don't care about me - Outline

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How do I get along with people who don't seem to care about me?

Our natural response to people who seem to be enemies toward us is to feel anger.

Anger is a _____ to something that is evil or something that seems unjust.

Anger is a _____ emotion.
It tells us that something _____ is happening to us.
It tells us that there is something we need _____
_____ in our lives.

It seems _____ to bless these people and to offer them forgiveness, yet that is what God is asking us to do.

Anger will crush your _____, so Paul says, _____ those who persecute you.

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength. (Proverbs 17:22, NLT)

Bless those who persecute you. (Romans 12:14a, NLT)

Anger only leads to _____, so Paul says, _____ those who persecute you.

A hot-tempered person starts fights; a cool-tempered person stops them. (Proverbs 15:18, NLT)

Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:14–15, NLT)

So how do we deal with our own anger and also love the people who don't like us?

1. Settle matters _____ and live in harmony with each other.

Live in harmony with each other. (Romans 12:16a, NLT)

2. Even if your anger is justified it is important _____
_____.

Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone. (Romans 12:17–18, NLT)

3. Spend time with the Lord, asking Him to _____
and _____.

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses. (Proverbs 10:12, NLT)

4. Surrender _____ to the Lord.

Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! (Romans 12:16, NLT)

*Pride leads to conflict; those who take advice are wise. (Proverbs 13:10, NLT)
And he (God) gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:6–7, NLT)*

5. Find a way to _____ their attitude or behavior toward you.

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD. (Romans 12:19, NLT)

5. Respond with _____ and _____.

Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." (Romans 12:20, NLT)

6. Don't let another person's _____ take away _____
_____ in living.

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. (Romans 12:21, NLT)

Digging Deeper

A study for individuals and small groups

What do you think real love is supposed to look like?

Share a story or situation you have experienced that helps you to picture real love.

Read Romans 12:14-16.

How are we to respond to those who persecute us?

How do Romans 12:15 and 16 complement each other?

How do they say the same thing?

Read Romans 12:17-18.

Can we ever pay back evil for something someone has done to us or someone else we love (Romans 12:17)?

What does Paul say regarding making peace between you and everyone else (Romans 12:18)?

Read Romans 12:19-21.

List a few attitudes or thoughts we should have toward our desires to take our own revenge {from Romans 12:19-21}. {At least give one principle per verse}.

Many people live bitterly hoping for a chance to take revenge. Using the verses in this section, what could we say to them to urge and encourage them to get rid of bitterness? Do you think they would listen to you? Why or why not?

List at least two changes you desire to take place in your life because of these verses:

- a.
- b.