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# PHILIPPIANS 1:27(NLT)

## **Live as Citizens of Heaven**

<sup>27</sup> Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.



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# MATTHEW 5:21-22 (NLT)

## Teaching about Anger

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.



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# MATTHEW 5:38-39 (NLT)

## Teaching about Revenge

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.'  
<sup>39</sup> But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also.



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# MATTHEW 5:43-44 (NLT)

## Teaching about Love for Enemies

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!



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**“The world says this –**

**But Jesus says something greater.”**

# ROMANS 12:1-8(NLT)

## **A Living Sacrifice to God**

<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



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## ROMANS 12:1-8(NLT)

<sup>3</sup> Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. <sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.



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## ROMANS 12:1-8(NLT)

<sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.



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## ROMANS 12:3(NLT)

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## **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world:**

- This isn't a warning about what the world is like.
- It's a reminder that we're not supposed to act like the world does.
- The ways of this world sneak into our lives.
- Everyone has parts of themselves that still need to be transformed by God.



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## ROMANS 12:2(NLT)

<sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



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## ROMANS 12:9-21 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. <sup>13</sup> When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.



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## ROMANS 12:9-21 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

<sup>17</sup> Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. <sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.



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## ROMANS 12:9-21 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> 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.



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# ROMANS 12:9-21 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> 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.”



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**Where do you need to invite God's  
transformation into your life?**



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