Overcoming Evil

Introduction: **Romans** **12** begins telling us Christians to “Present our bodies as living sacrifices to God.” This admonition is continued with several things for us to do, ending with “Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.” Other passages Eph**esians 5.15,16,** **1 Peter 5.8**, **2 Corinthians 11.3, Ephesians 6.11**, **6.13.**

**I) An Example of Success and Failure In Overcoming Evil,**

**A) Joseph succeeded, Genesis 39.1-11**

!. Why? How?

2. This evil was present because there was the opportunity due to his master’s trust in him, **v. 8,9**

3. He knew , **v. 9- 12**.

**B) Peter failed, Luke 22.54-60**

***Note: Failure does not have to be permanent. Peter repented.***

**II) There is Much Evil To Overcome**

**A) Evil and evil men will , 2 Timothy 3.13.**

**B) is our own evil desires that we have to battle, Romans 7.21.**

**C) We live in “ ” Ephesians 5.16.**

**III) How Can We Overcome Evil?**

**A) By , James 4.7.**

**B) By quoting in times of temptation, Matthew 4.1-11.**

**C) By , 2 Timothy 2.22.**

**D) By avoiding “ ”, 1 Corinthians 15.33.**

**E) By thinking , Phil. 4.8.**

**IV) What Wil be Gained By Overcoming Evil?**

**A) A better life now. Godliness is profitable in this life, 1 Timothy 4.8.**

**B) A , James 1.12.**

1. Eternal blessings, **Revelation 3.5,21.**

2. Right to the and entrance into the eternal city, **Revelation 22.14.**

Conclusion: The rewards are for those who overcome. You can overcome sin through the blood of Christ contacted in baptism, **Romans 6.4.** Then be “faithful unto death, and you shall receive a crown of life” **Revelation2.10.**

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