Message Title: **How to Win Fights**

Romans 12:14-21 NKJV | Sunday AM, April 25th, 2021 | Pastor Jack Lamb

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. **17** Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. **18** If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. **19** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. **20** Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Introduction

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1. **Remember Christ's** _____ - vs. 14-16

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2. **Plan Your** _____ - vs. 17

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3. **Pursue** _____ - vs. 18

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4. **Revenge is Not an** _____ - vs. 19

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5. **Overcome with** _____ - vs. 20-21

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Sermon Application Questions

1. *Why is it important to recognize that love is a command, not a feeling? If we obey the command without the feelings, are we being hypocritical?*
2. *How can we avoid being wise in our own opinion?*
3. *How can we determine when it is right to fight for our rights and when we should just accept being wronged?*
4. *Why is revenge a bad option in personal conflicts? What are specific ways you could do good for unbelievers you know? What are some examples of overcoming evil with good?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?