

- 24- As our national Zeitgeist drifts toward the barbaric mind set of pre-Christian Europe the more we must confront the lack of integrity and honor from our fellow citizens.
- 25- Therefore, we must learn to not only recognize this trend, we must learn to expect it.
- 26- When dishonorable people express their lack of integrity to us they often do so in a way that can be classified as evil.
- 27- The mandate in verse 17 does not permit us to resort to the cosmic problem-solving device of counterevil.
- 28- We have Biblical problem-solving devices with which to handle these expressions of cosmic degeneracy.
- 29- However, parents must be aware that even if they have taught their youngsters Biblical problem-solving devices, children do not have the capacity to consistently utilize them.
- 30- Therefore, parents must be constantly aware of the pressures faced by their children and intercede on their behalf, acting as their FLOT Line.
- 31- To pay back evil for evil is to lower yourself to the standards of your adversary which usually takes the form of revenge and retaliation.
- 32- This is in essence a form of blasphemy. When you retaliate you are saying that you are not only qualified to dish out judgment but that you can do a better job of it than the Lord. You are not qualified and you cannot do a better job.

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 B- *9/22* KJV: "Never pay back evil for evil."

"Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

The verse begins with the present middle participle of the verb:

PRONOE'W = To think before hand; to think in advance. In this context this advanced thinking refers to having regard or respect for something. ✕

pres = Customary; denotes what habitually occurs when a believer had developed Christian Integrity.

"THAT WHICH IS HONORABLE" HONORABLE REFERS TO THOSE THINGS WHICH REFLECT THE PRINCIPLES OR INSTITUTIONS OF BIBLICAL INTEGRITY.

mid = Indirect; the believer with integrity produces the action.

part = Imperative use; command to have respect for something. The thing which is to be respected occurs next in the neuter plural direct object:

KAL'OS = honorable.

TXL: "Respect what is honorable."

This is followed by the prepositional phrase:

>ENW'PION + PA^S + >A'NTThROPOS = in the sight of all men

TXL: "Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men."

- 1- A study of doctrinal truth will reveal to the soul of the individual those things which are honorable.
- 2- Once honorable things are identified, this verse commands the believer to respect them.
- 3- When a large number of individuals collectively recognize those things which are honorable, then this mental attitude becomes a part of the national Zeitgeist.
- 4- This recognition of absolute Biblical principles establishes customs which are incorporated into the culture of that people.
- 5- The Royal Family Honor Code demands respect for individuals, positions of authority, institutions and organizations which represent that which is honorable.
- 6- A few of those things which are honorable and deserve our respect are:
 - 1- Parents: The Fifth Commandment is the first of the establishment mandates of the Decalogue and it specifically orders us to honor our parents.

You may have been abused, neglected, or even abandoned by one or both of your parents. But the Fifth Commandment does not permit you to use cosmic problem-solving devices to deal with those situations. Honor the position and let God take care of the discipline.

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- 2- Women: The evil women's-rights movement has sadly polarized large segments of our population with regard to the woman's place in our society.

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