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(Matthew 5:23-24) So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



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(Ephesians 6:12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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(Romans 12:21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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(Colossians 3:13) Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



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- ▶ **Pray for Them**

(Matthew 5:44) But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,



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- ▶ **Keep a Gracious Attitude**
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- ▶ **Always Listen**
- ▶ **Control Our Anger**

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(James 1:20) for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.





**We May Need  
the Help of a  
“Third” Party...**

**“It Takes Two  
to Tango”**

(Romans 12:18) If  
possible, so far as  
it depends on you,  
live peaceably  
with all.

(Philippians 4:2-3) I  
entreat Euodia and I  
entreat Syntyche to  
agree in the Lord. Yes,  
I ask you also, true  
companion, help  
these women, who  
have labored side by  
side with me in the  
gospel together with  
Clement and the rest  
of my fellow workers,  
whose names are in  
the book of life.