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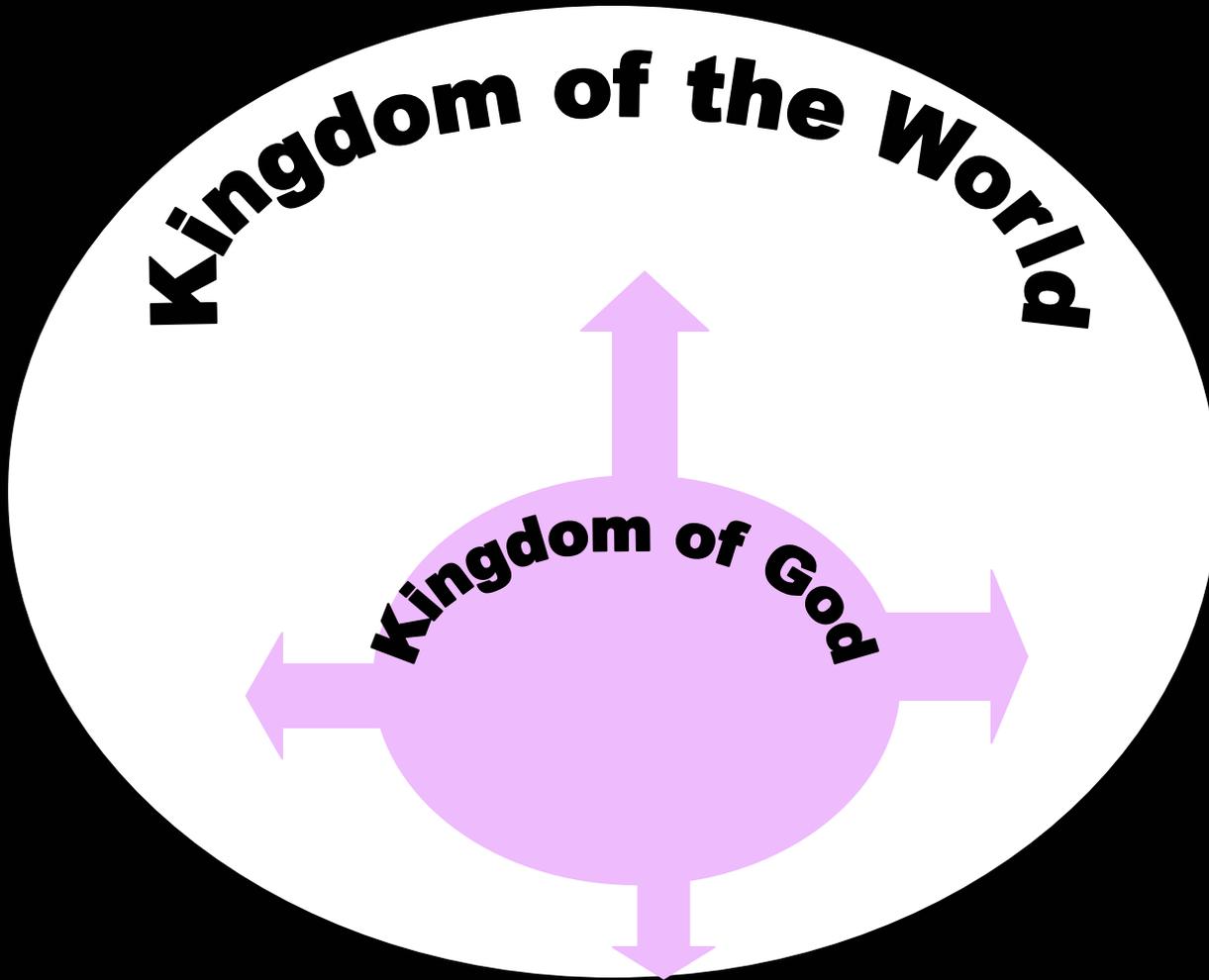
Eph 4:32-5:2 Put away from you *all* bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with *all* malice...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God. Live in love as Christ loves you and gave his life for you.

Matt. 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matt. 5:39 Do not resist (*anthistemi*) an evildoer.

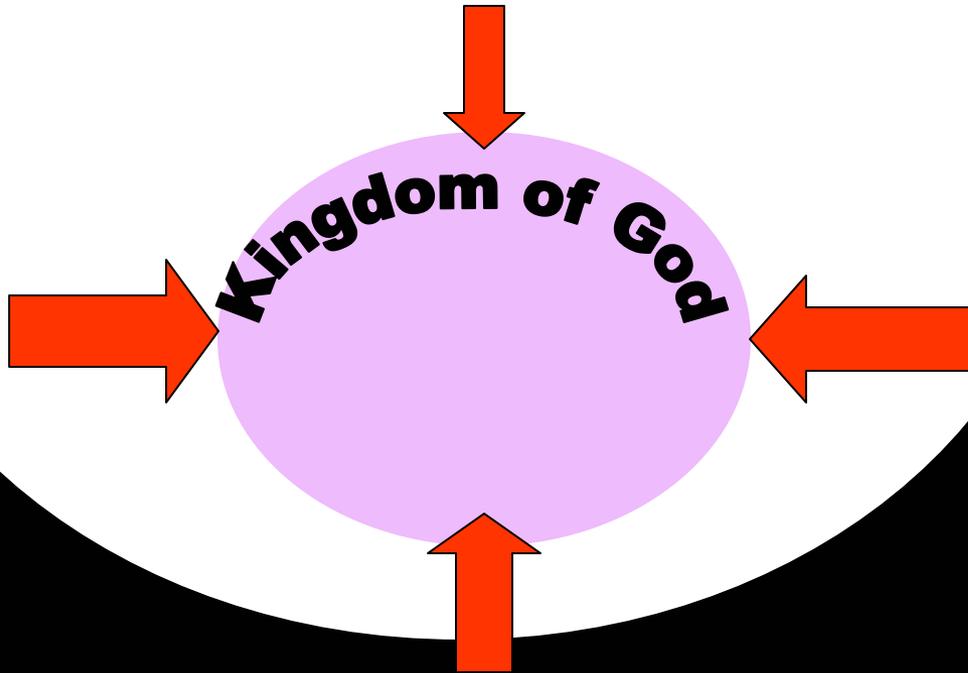
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Rom. 12:17, 19-21 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all... Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Overcome with evil = desire to repay,
avenge**

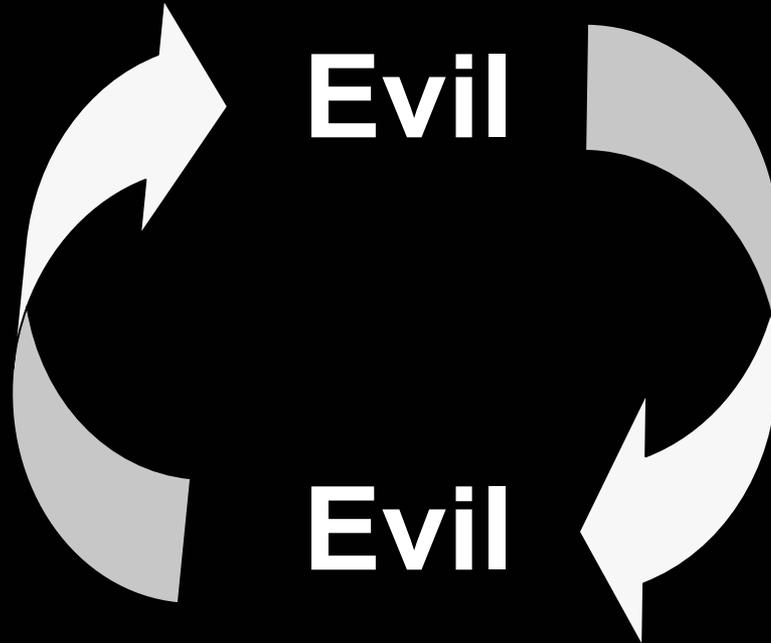
Matt. 5:39 , 43-44. Do not resist
(anthistemi) an evildoer. But if
anyone strikes you on the right
cheek, turn the other also.... “You
have heard that it was said, ‘Love
your neighbor and hate your
enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your
enemies and pray for those who
persecute you...

Good overcomes evil in you and possibly in your “enemy”

**“...you heap burning coals on their heads
(Rom. 12:20).**

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame” (I Pet 3:14-15).

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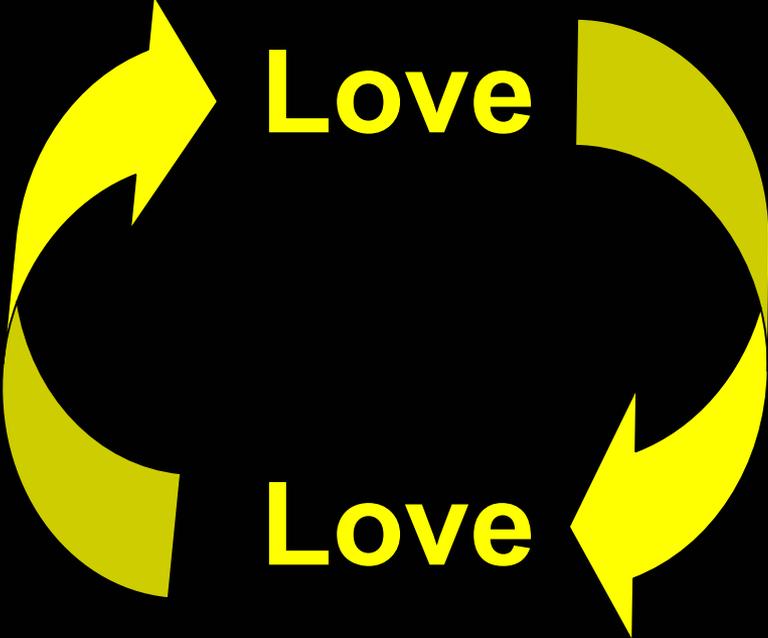
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Love

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The Small Story: *How I can find my life
(security, significance and worth)
now.*

The Big Story: *How I can fit into what
God is doing in the world.*