

**DO NOT CURSE**

(Instead, Bless)

**Matthew 5:44**

But I say to you, love your enemies, **bless those who curse** you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ...

**Matthew 5:45**

... that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**Luke 6:27-28**

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **bless those who curse** you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

**Romans 12:14**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and **do not curse**.

**James 3:8**

But **no man** can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of **deadly poison**.

**James 3:9**

With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we **curse** men, who have been made in the similitude of God.

**1 Peter 3:8-9**

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; **not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling**, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For  
*“He who would love life  
And see good days,  
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,  
And his lips from speaking deceit.  
Let him turn away from evil and do good;  
Let him seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
And His ears are open to their prayers;  
But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”*