



“Frienemies”

Part 2

Romans 12:17-21



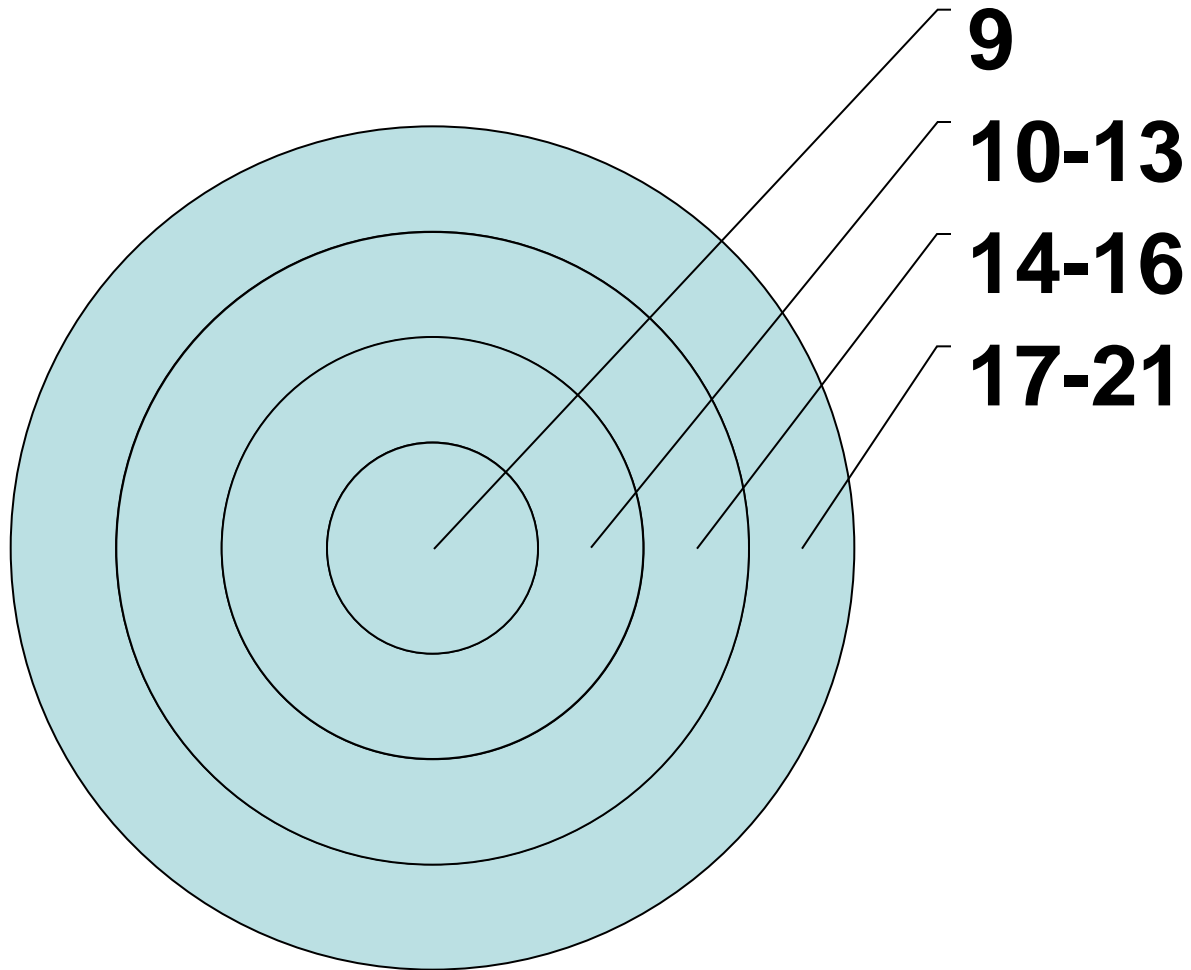
The Bible is Christological

Romans 12:14-21

Jesus is our example:

treated His enemies like friends,
rejoiced and wept with others, was
humble and lowly, never retaliated

Romans 12:9-21





No Paybacks

Absolutely no
retaliation
is allowed by Jesus.

Meekness is not weakness!



No Thoughtless Living

Determine **beforehand**
how to biblically
respond to enemies.



No One Way Streets

Romans 12:18 is **conditional**.

The first step in peacemaking is
SELF-examination.

Matthew 7:1-6



No Vigilantes

Only God is perfectly qualified to deal out punishment against an enemy.



Always Positive and Negative

Withholding revenge is not enough;
Returning good is God's way.

Proverbs 25:21-22



Only Good Overcomes Evil

1. The evil done to us by others

and

2. Our own evil responses to evil done to us by others.