

## NEIGHBORLY CHRISTIANITY

What does it take to be a good neighbor?

**1. Restraint.**

<sup>17</sup> *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.*

**2. Responsibility**

<sup>18</sup> *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**3. Release**

<sup>19</sup> *Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay,"<sup>n</sup> says the Lord.*

**4. Reverse**

<sup>20</sup> *On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."*

<sup>21</sup> *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Ephesians 2:8 (NIV) *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.*