

**Title: Resilient in Reconciliation**

**Text:** Romans 12:16-18

**Target:** How we regard people or react to people communicates whether our trust is in ourselves or if our trust is in God.

**I. Our Attitude to those that interact with You:**

- A. **Live in Harmony:** *“Get along (live in harmony) with each other”* (Vs. 16a MSG)
  - 1. **Show gratitude and appreciation.**
  - 2. **Communicate feelings and unspoken expectations.**
  - 3. **Be quick to get to common ground.**
- B. **Do Not Be Haughty:** *“Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people”* (Vs. 16b NLT) *“Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.”* (Vs. 16b ESV)
  - 1. **God regards Pride as an abomination.**
  - 2. **God is resistant to the Proud.**
  - 3. **God reminds us no one is immune to Pride.**
    - a) No task should ever be beneath you.
    - b) No person should ever be seen as less than you.
- C. **Always Stay Humble:** *“And don’t think you know it all!”* (Vs. 16c NLT) *“Never be wise in your own sight.”* (Vs. 16c ESV)
  - 1. **Don’t have an exaggerated sense of your abilities or importance.**
  - 2. **Admit when you are wrong and apologize.**
  - 3. **Stop trying to be right all the time.**

**Key Thought:**

- **Don’t be Critical of other people.**
- **Don’t be Conceited toward other people.**
- **Don’t be Condescending to other people.**

**II. Our Actions to those who have Injured You:**

- A. **Resist Evening the Score:** *“Never pay back evil with more evil.”* (Vs. 17a NLT) *“Don’t hit back”* (Vs. 17a MSG)
  - 1. **Call the offense what it is, evil, wrong, sinful.**
  - 2. **Does not mean overlooking the offense.**
  - 3. **Choose not to take matters into your own hands.**
  - 4. **Give room for God to work.**
- B. **Remember the Right Thing to Do:** *“Give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.”* (Vs. 17b ESV)
  - 1. **Play out the ramifications of revenge.**
  - 2. **Vengeance continues the vicious cycle.**
  - 3. **Remember our actions affect those around us.**
- C. **Reconciliation is the Goal:** *“If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”* (Vs. 18 ESV)
  - 1. **Be willing to take the first step.**
  - 2. **Recognize the Responsibility Boundary.**
  - 3. **Live Set Free all the while trusting God.**

**Key Thought:**

- Don't be Consumed by other people.
- Don't be Controlled by other people.
- Don't be Constrained by other people.

**Take Away:** *“Living life with a clear conscience is the fruit of a repentant heart and new life through Jesus Christ”* - Brian Houston