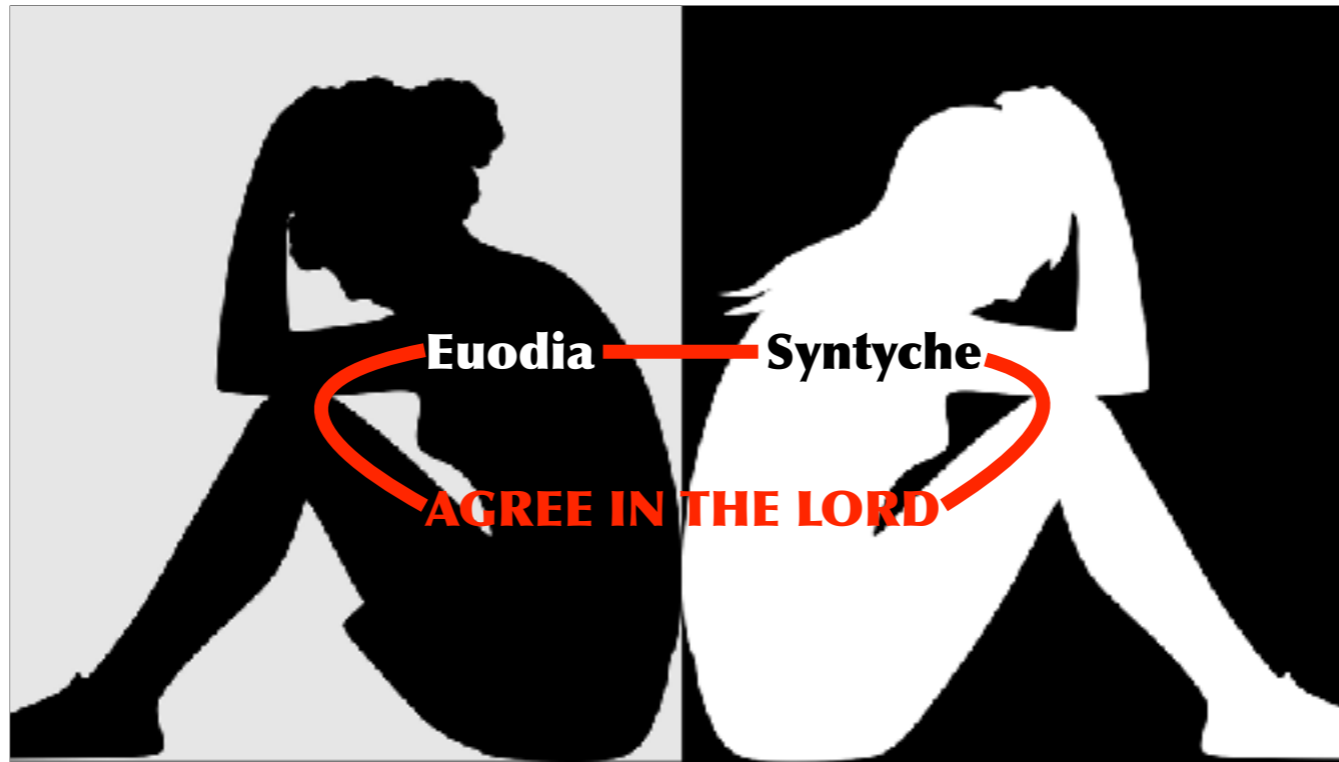


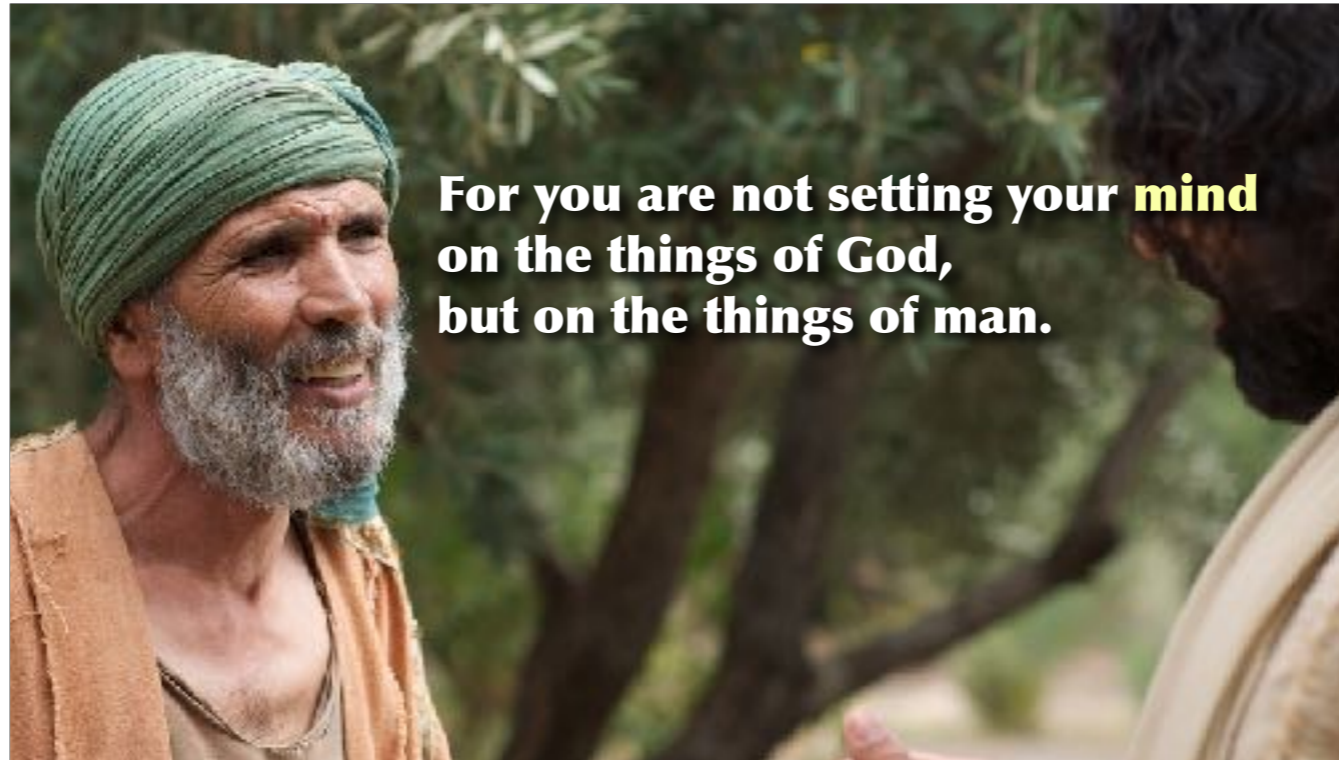


Live in Harmony

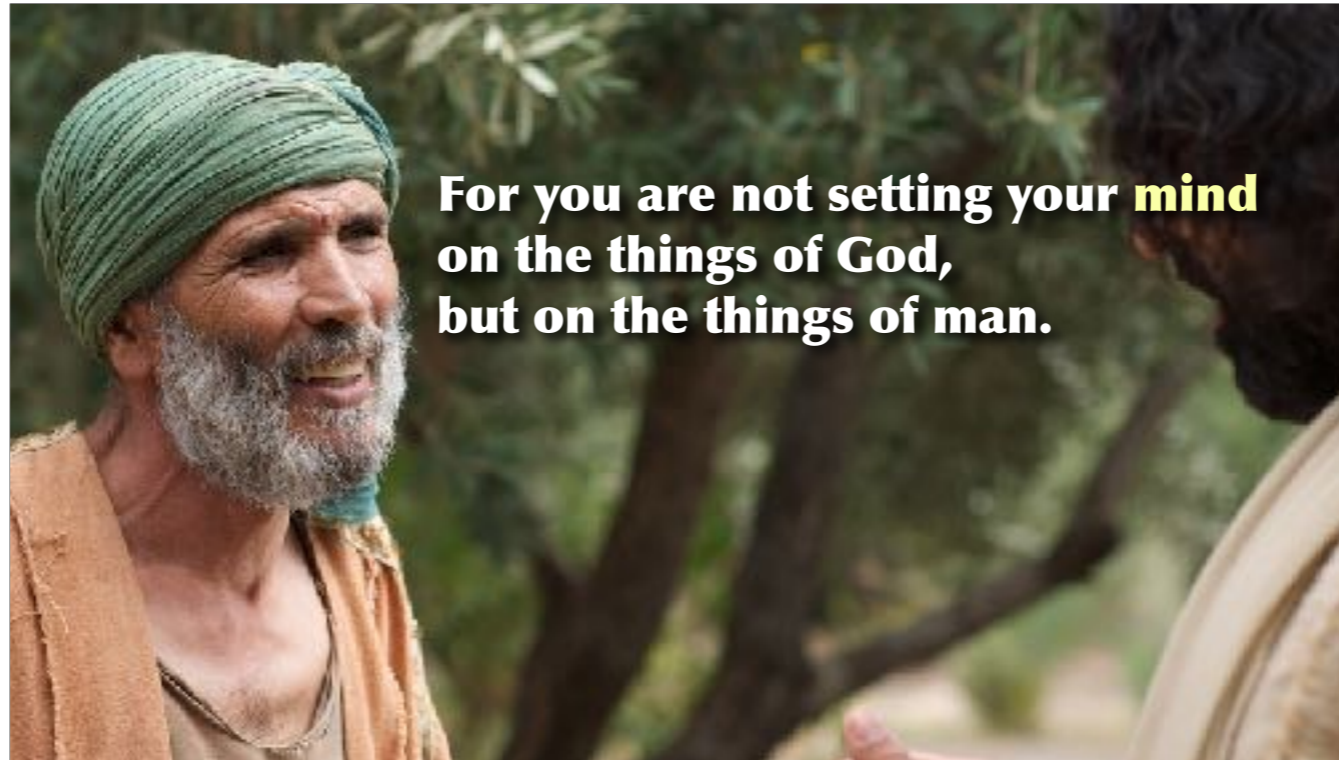
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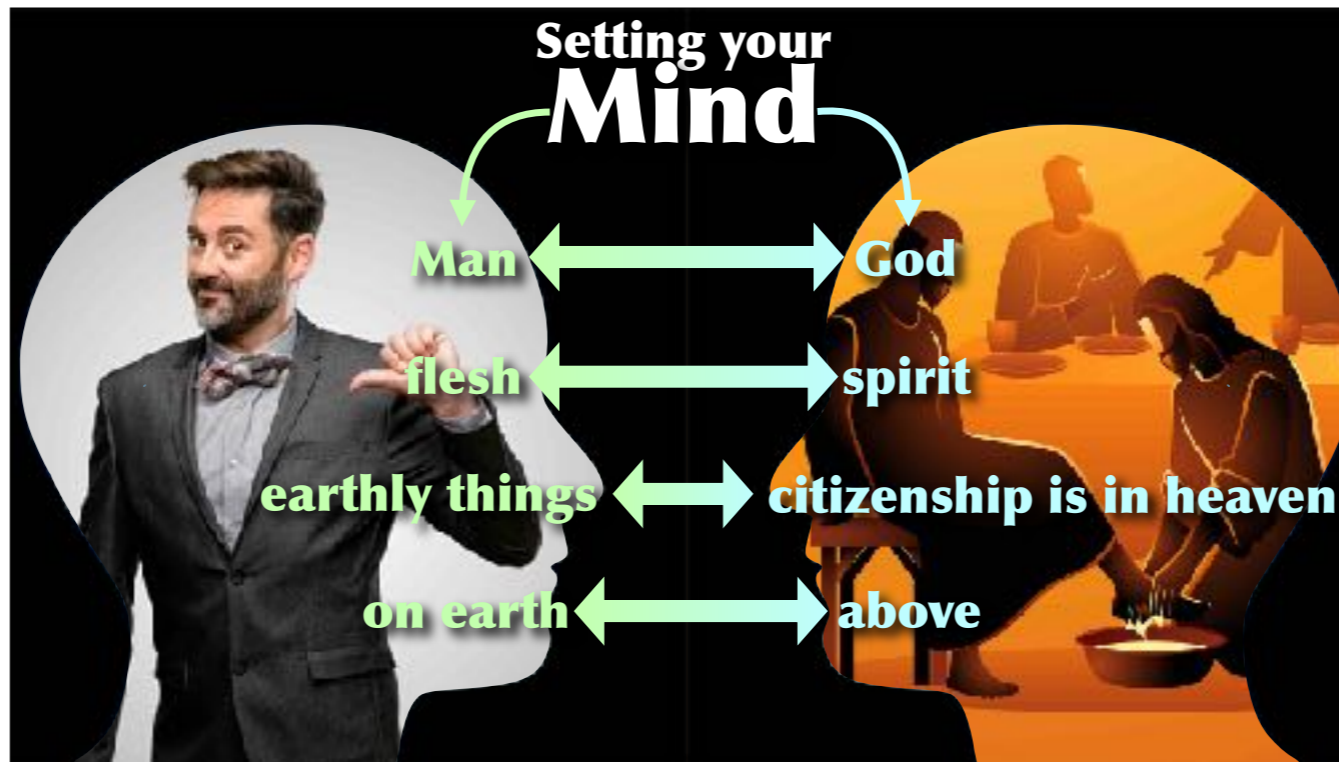
- Philippians 4:2-3 (ESV) 2 I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.



- Matthew 16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, **Satan!** You are a **hindrance** to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
- Where are you setting your mind?
 - Things of God or Things of Man.



- Jesus was very concerned about how we think about and how we treat one another
- Love one another
- Jesus' prayer for unity: John 17:11, 20-23
- source of unity is God
- result of unity is the increase of God's kingdom
- Satan would love to destroy our unity: it would make us ineffective, hypocritical, destroys the church from within, doesn't draw anyone to Christ
- This is more than just about doctrinal issues
- Our relationships
- We seem to assume that if we "know truth" we'll automatically have a good relationship with our brethren (we know it's not true)



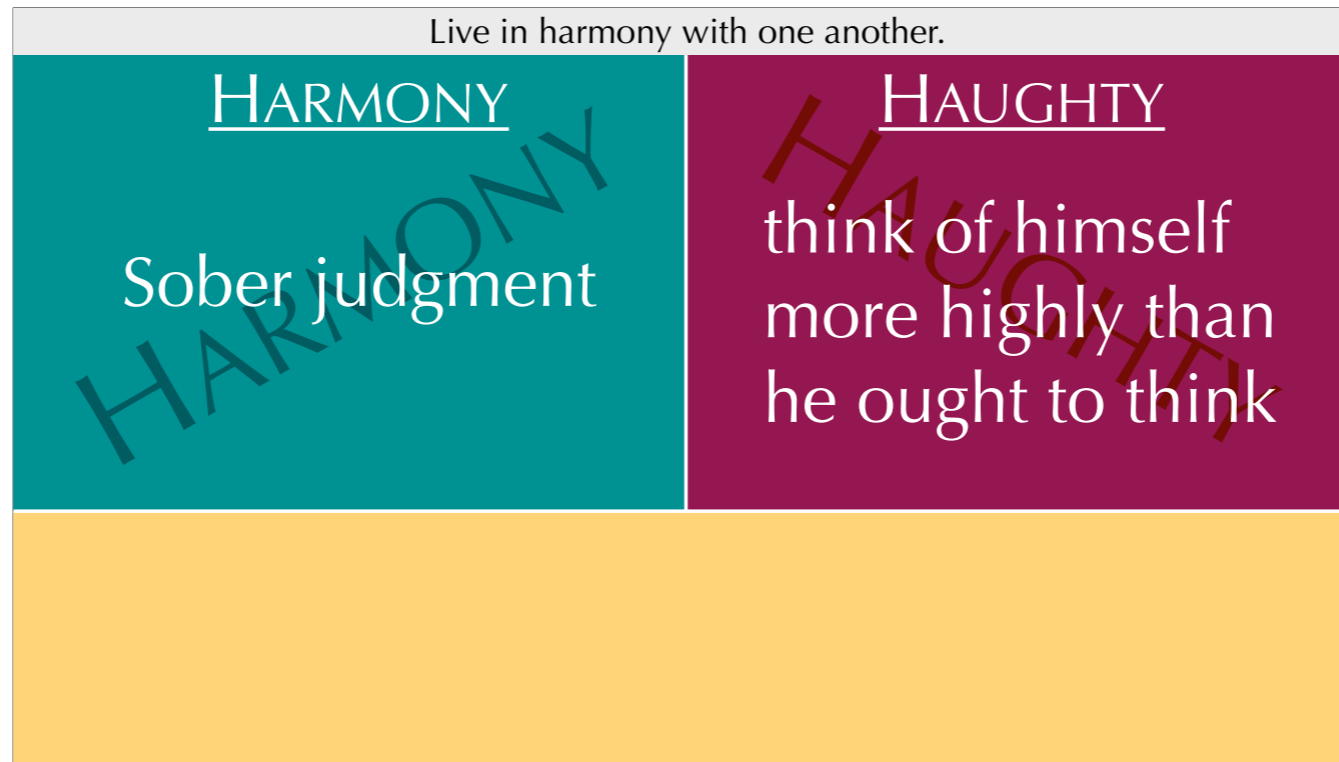
- Setting your mind:
 - man, flesh, earthly thing, on earth
 - God, spirit, citizenship is in heaven, above
- What does this mean practically in my life?
 - Three passages to help us: Romans 12:14-18; 15:5-7; Philippians 2:2-5ff



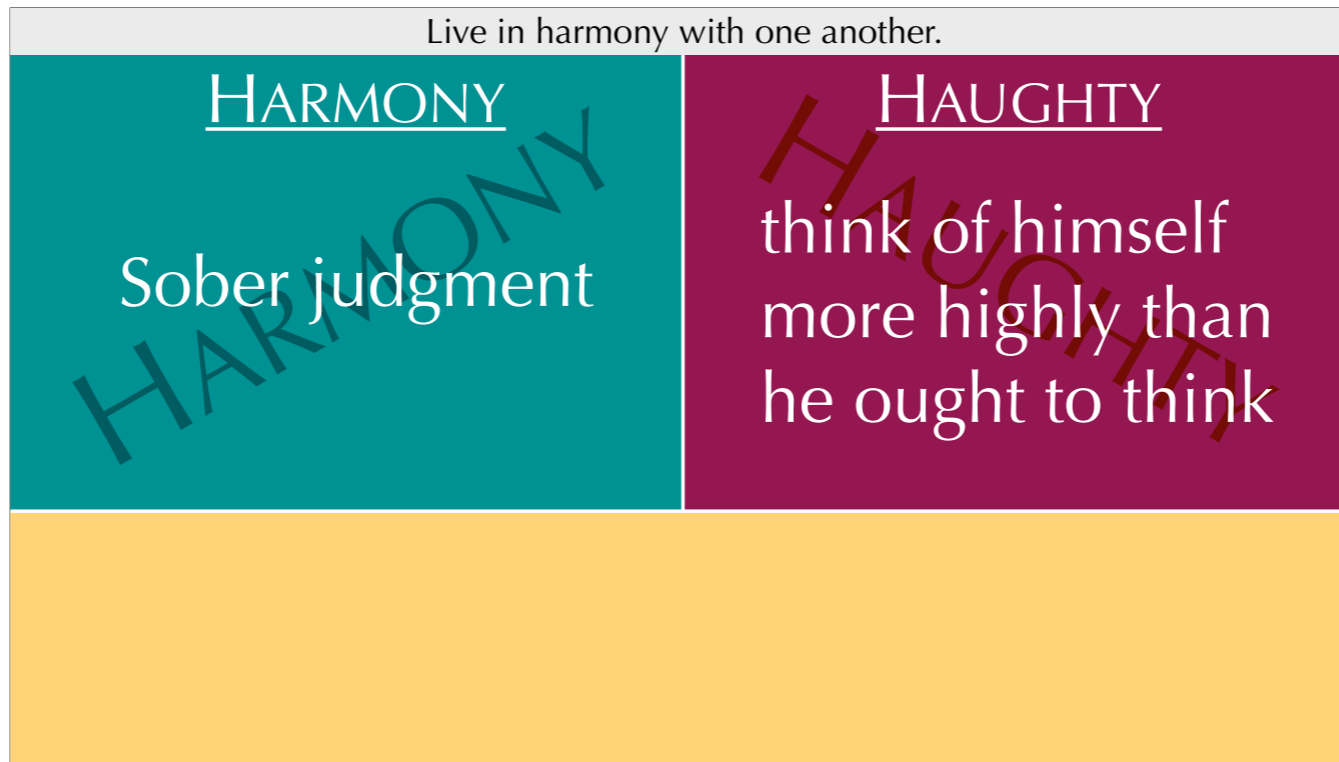
- Romans 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.
- Harmony: (We've been seeing "mind" as translation: "be of the same mind")
 - (Lenski's Commentary on the New Testament (20 Vols.))
 - This is not "loving unanimity" or "harmonious mutual relations"
 - but something far more definite:
 - having in mind for another the same thing that under like circumstances one has in mind for oneself.
 - I am to want you to have what, if I were in your position, I should want myself to have.



- Contrast of Mentalities
 - Things of God: heavenly, spirit
 - Things of man: earthly, flesh



- Romans 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.
- More highly ... think of himself (think (2X) = mind/mentality)
 - This is a man who is focused on himself, how he's special, even superior in certain ways
 - Perhaps his ambition is greater too
 - The result is that his focus, no matter how righteous it might seem, is really about himself
 - (Peter and disciples arguing over who would be greatest?)



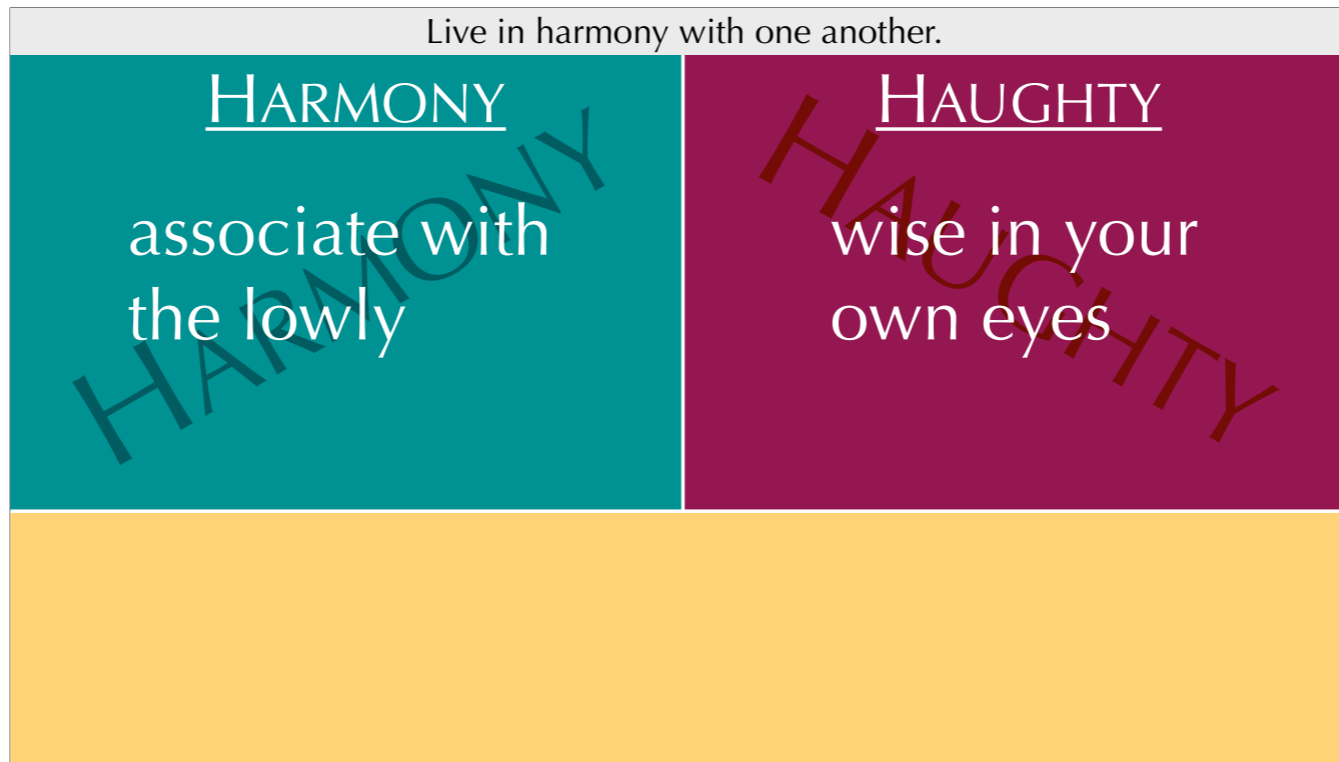
- Sober judgment

- a sound mind; one's right mind
- This is not a false humility.
- God has given gifts, assigned faith
- Don't exalt your gifts above other people's; nor diminish your gift by comparing with others.

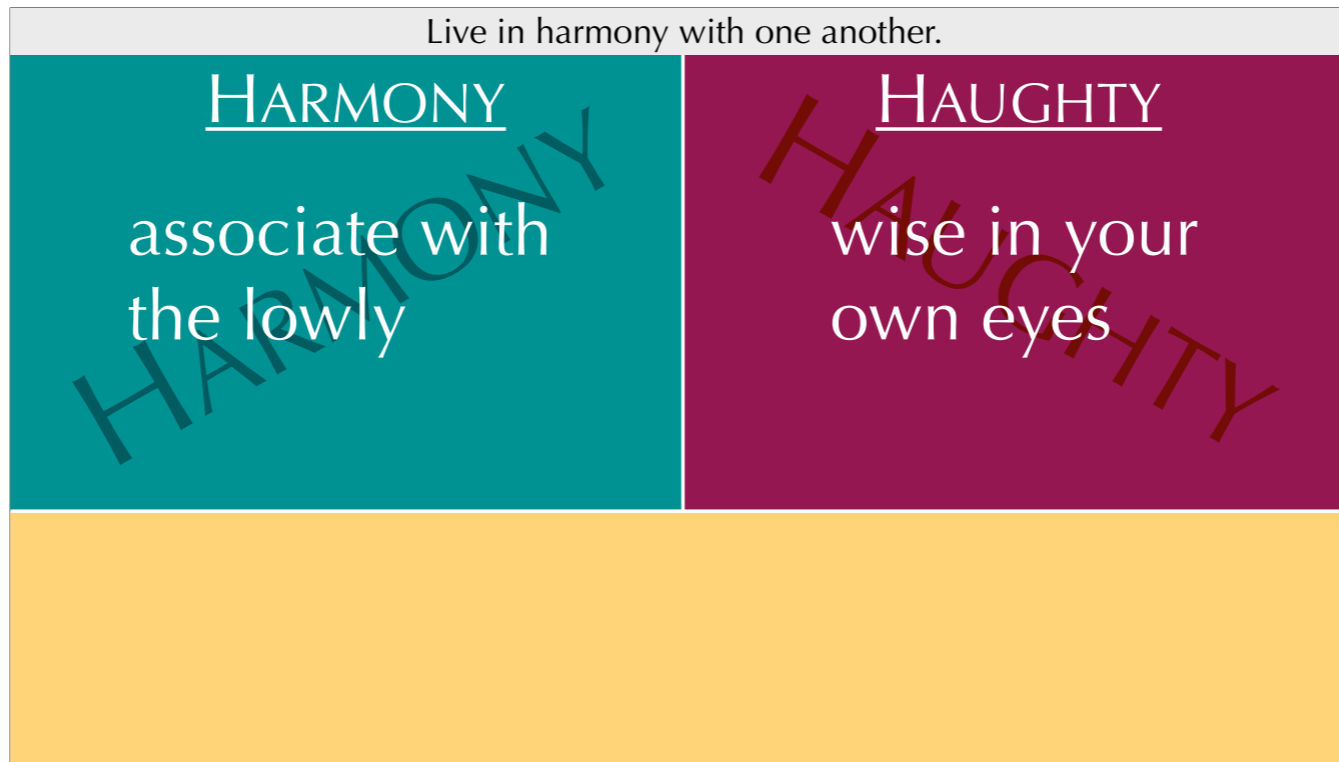
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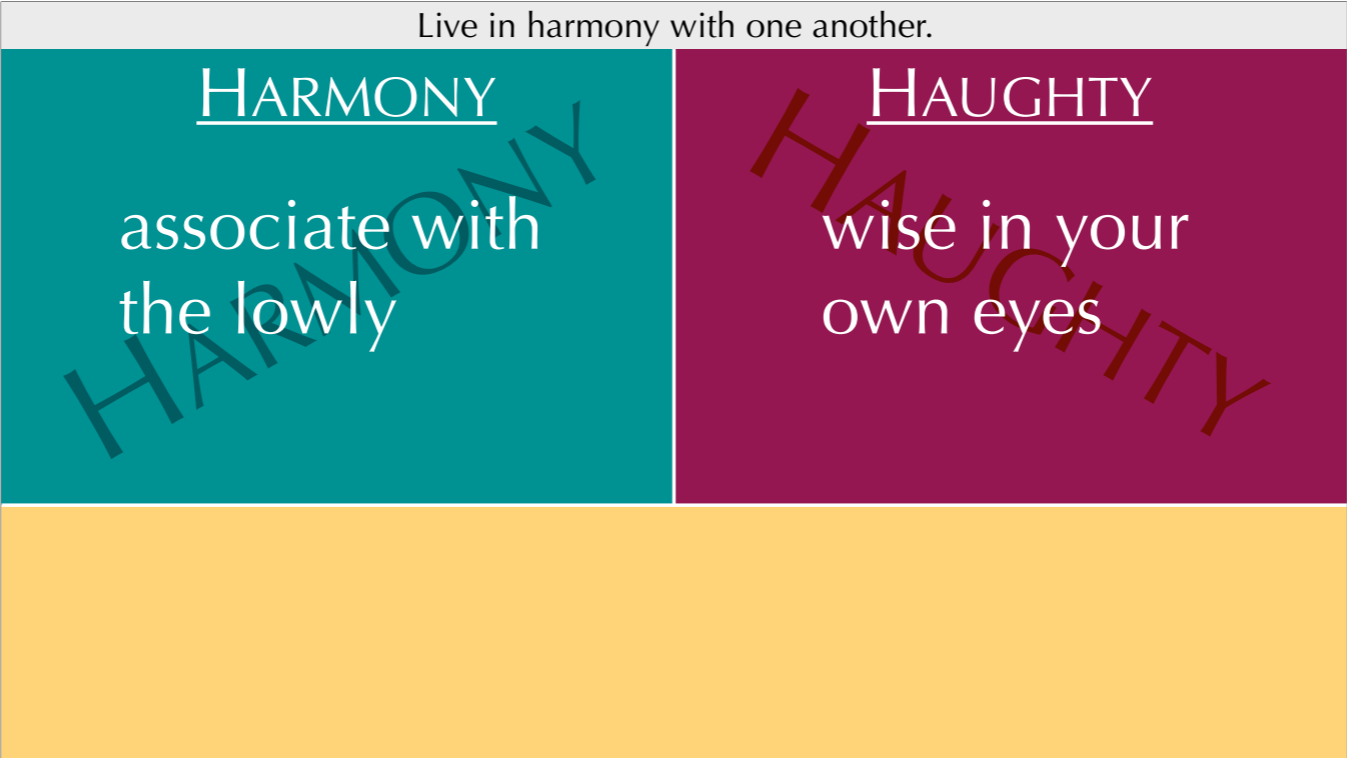
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- Harmony = same mind
 - thinking of the things of God; thinking of the needs of others
- Haughty = high-minded
 - things of man; specifically myself



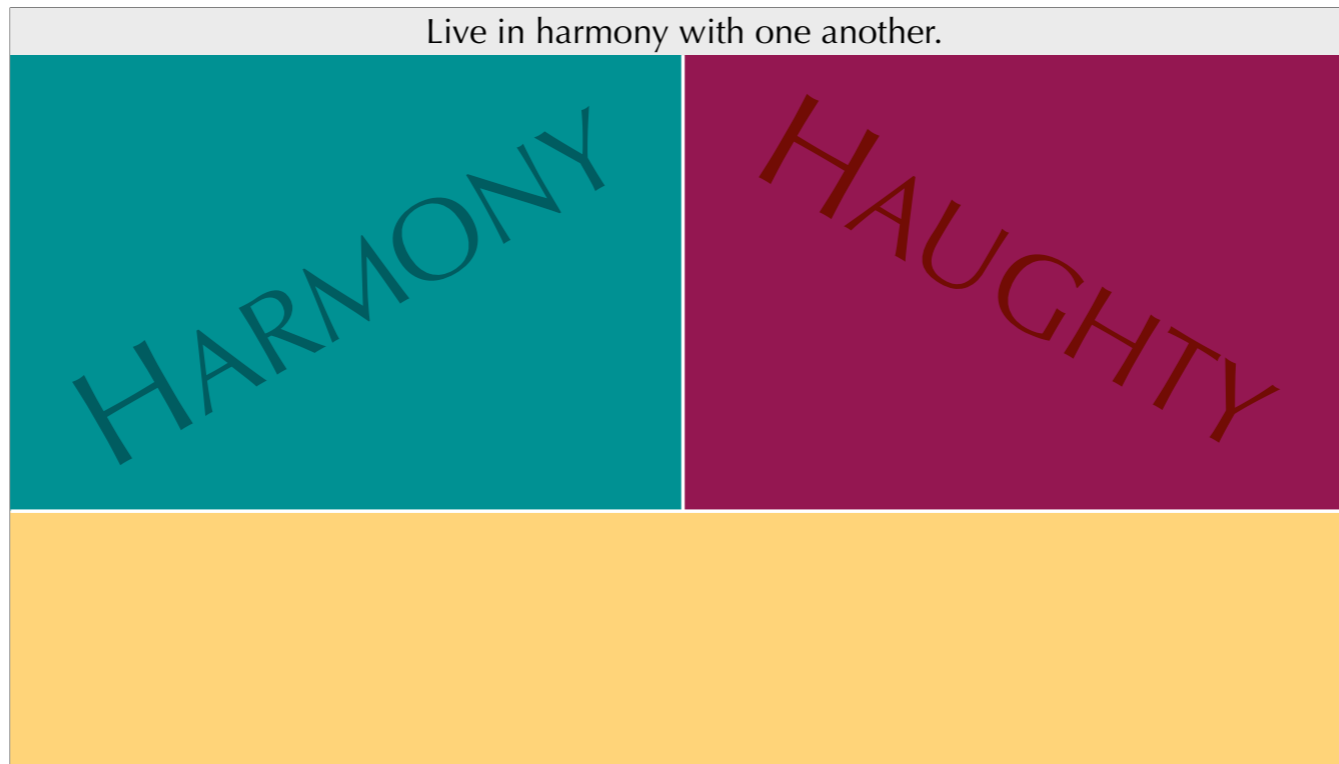
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- Associate
 - (CWSB Dictionary) in a good sense (Rom. 12:16, not minding high things but led by lowly things, which means cultivating humility).
 - (Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary) in a good sense in Rom. 12:16; the RV marg. "be carried away with" is preferable to the text "condescend" (RV, and KJV), and to the KJV marg., "be contented (with mean things)." A suitable rendering would be "be led along with."



- KJV: people; ASV: tasks, things
- Luke 14:12-14 (ESV) 12 He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. 13 But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”



- Be not wise in your own eyes
 - Proverbs 3:7 (ESV) 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.



- Paul provides instruction that provides a great contrast between how haughty, high-minded thinking treats others and how living in harmony leads us to treat others.
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Live in harmony with one another.

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- Harmony:
 - Use gifts; hold fast good (love); bless; rejoice and weep with; do what is honorable; live peaceably; give enemy food and drink; overcome evil with good

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- Haughty: (there's not always exact parallels)
 - Abhor evil; curse; repay evil; avenge; overcome by evil
 - ??? withhold gifts; withhold sympathy; discord

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Why is this high-minded?

- Why is cursing someone high-minded?
 - curse = wishing evil on someone
 - we assume that we know enough about someone's circumstances, heart, motives, everything.
 - we put ourselves in the place of God to judge that person
 - we take authority on ourselves.
 - Are we, at that moment, striving to think what is best or right for that person?
 - Does cursing draw us closer together? Or push apart?
- Jesus on cross: forgive them
- 1 Peter 2:21-25

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Why is this high-minded?

- Why is Repaying and Vengeance high-minded
 - They flow from the cursing. Turned into action.
- Why is not using our gifts for the benefit of the body high minded?

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How does this help us
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- How do these help us live in harmony with one another?
- 6-8: Use gifts ... serving, teaching, exhorting, generosity, lead with zeal, cheerful mercy!

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How does this help us
to live in harmony?

- Hold fast what is good (9-13)
 - genuine love
 - love with brotherly affection
 - showing honor
 - contribute to the needs of the saints
 - seek to show hospitality

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- How does rejoicing and weeping help us live in harmony?
 - Sympathy; trying to be invested in the lives of each other.
- How does giving food and drink to our enemy help us to live in harmony?
 - Builds instead of destroys
 - Helps instead of hurts
 - Overcome evil with good.

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So whatever you wish that others
would do to you, do also to them
Matthew 7:12

- Matthew 7:12 “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- The Responsibility is mine to do what is right and good and honorable
 - Don’t look at the other and expect them to take the first step; or even respond in kind before you go further.
- I must choose peace and harmony

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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