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 **“Heavenly Humbleness on Display”**

**Lessons from Paul**

“Bless them which persecute you: bless and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” Romans 12:14-19 KJV

“Let this mind be in you that which also was in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5

 **What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 Meaning well and doing well are not one in the same. Good intentions are just that, good intentions. It’s a tall order friends to bless our enemies, and those who intentionally persecute us. But we are human ambassadors, representing Christ on earth, and we must be Christ-minded.

 Jesus ate with sinners. He was found on many occasions fellowshipping with the downtrodden and those of low self-worth.

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “Not by their wealth, their education, or their position does God estimate men. He estimates them by their purity of motive and their beauty of character. He looks to see how much of His Holy Spirit they posses and how much of *His likeness their life reveals*. To be great in God’s kingdom is to be as a little child in humility, in simplicity of faith, and in purity of love” [[1]](#footnote-1) (Italics supplied).

 “*Take no glory whatsoever to yourself*. Do not work with a divided mind, trying to serve God and self at the same time. *Keep self out of sight*. Let your words lead the weary and heavy-laden to Jesus, the compassionate Savior. Work as seeing Him who is at your right hand, ready to give you strength for service. Your only safety is in entire dependence upon Christ.” [[2]](#footnote-2)

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.” James 4:10 KJV

 

1. E. G. White. Ministry of Healing, pp. 477, 478 (1905). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. White. Review & Herald, May 11, 1897. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)