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## Reflection and Discussion

Read through the complete passage for this study, [Romans 14:1-16:23](#). Then review the listed passages and write your own notes on the following questions. (For further background, see the ESV Study Bible, pages 2180-2185, available online at [www.esvbible.org](http://www.esvbible.org).)

- 1. Interpersonal Reconciliation ([Rom. 14:1-15:13](#))** How is reconciliation between believers a good witness?

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- 1.a.** What are some modern examples that would be our equivalent to the questions concerning “diet” and “days” ([Rom. 14:1-7](#))?

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- 1.b.** According to [Romans 14:7-8](#), what is the guiding principle in navigating these issues? How can these issues cause stumbling?

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- 1.c.** How would you summarize [Romans 14:1-15:7](#) in a single sentence?

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- 2. The Establishment of Churches among the Gentiles ([Rom. 15:14-33](#))** What is the common denominator in all of the Old Testament texts Paul cites in [Romans 15:9-12](#)? What point is he driving home?

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**2.a.** In [Romans 15:15](#), Paul says he has been “bold” with the Romans, and in [Romans 15:17](#) he says he has pride in his work. Is Paul sinning in such boldness and pride? What distinctions need to be made between “good boldness” and “bad boldness,” good pride and bad pride?

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**2.b.** In [1 Corinthians 3:6](#), Paul says, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (see also [1 Cor. 3:10](#)). Compare this passage in 1 Corinthians to what Paul says in [Romans 15:20–24](#). Taking these two texts together, how would you describe Paul’s driving passion?

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**3. Appreciation and Greetings to Coworkers in the Gospel ([Rom. 16:1–23](#))** What do we learn about Paul and his ministry from the greetings he gives in [Romans 16:1–16](#)? Note that he says something specific about almost every person he mentions.

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**3.a.** Read [Matthew 10:16](#). Note what Paul says in [Romans 16:19](#). Unpack the paradox embedded in such texts for the way Christians are to lead their lives.

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**3.b.** In [Romans 16:20](#), Paul says that the God of peace will crush Satan under our feet. What is significant about the way he expresses this truth? Consider [Genesis 3:15](#) in your answer.

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Read through the following three sections on Gospel Glimpses, Whole-Bible Connections, and Theological Soundings. Then take time to reflect on the Personal Implications these sections have for your walk with the Lord.