

Instrument Title: Transgression-Related Interpersonal Motivations Inventory (TRIM-18)

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**Trim-18**  
**(McCullough, Root, & Cohen, 2006)**

For the following questions, please indicate your current thoughts and feelings about the person who hurt you; that is, we want to know how you feel about that person **right now**. Next to each item, circle the number that best describes your current thoughts and feelings.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
	1	2	3	4	5
1. I'll make him/her pay.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am trying to keep as much distance between us as possible.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Even though his/her actions hurt me, I have goodwill for him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I wish that something bad would happen to him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I am living as if he/she doesn't exist, isn't around.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I want us to bury the hatchet and move forward with our relationship.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I don't trust him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
8. Despite what he/she did, I want us to have a positive relationship again.	1	2	3	4	5
9. I want him/her to get what he/she deserves.	1	2	3	4	5
10. I am finding it difficult to act warmly toward him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
11. I am avoiding him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Although he/she hurt me, I am putting the hurts aside so we can resume our relationship.	1	2	3	4	5
13. I'm going to get even.	1	2	3	4	5
14. I have given up my hurt and resentment.	1	2	3	4	5
15. I cut off the relationship with him/her.	1	2	3	4	5
16. I have released my anger so I can work on restoring our relationship to health.	1	2	3	4	5
17. I want to see him/her hurt and miserable.	1	2	3	4	5
18. I withdraw from him/her.	1	2	3	4	5

## Scoring Instructions

### **Avoidance Motivations:**

Add up the scores for items 2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 15, and 18

### **Revenge Motivations:**

Add up the scores for items 1, 4, 9, 13, and 17

### **Benevolence Motivations**

Add up the scores for items 3, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 16

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