

God Wants All of Me: My Service (Romans 12:3-8)

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

³ Λέγω γὰρ διὰ τῆς χάριτος τῆς δοθείσης μοι παντὶ τῷ ὄντι ἐν ὑμῖν μὴ ὑπερφρονεῖν παρ' ὃ δεῖ φρονεῖν ἀλλὰ φρονεῖν εἰς τὸ σωφρονεῖν, ἐκάστῳ ὡς ὁ θεὸς ἐμέρισεν μέτρον πίστεως. ⁴ καθάπερ γὰρ ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι πολλὰ μέλη ἔχομεν, τὰ δὲ μέλη πάντα οὐ τὴν αὐτὴν ἔχει πρᾶξιν, ⁵ οὕτως οἱ πολλοὶ ἐν σώμα ἕσμεν ἐν Χριστῷ, τὸ δὲ καθ' εἷς ἀλλήλων μέλη. ⁶ ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθείσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείας κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως, ⁷ εἴτε διακονίαν ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ, εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, ⁸ εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδίδους ἐν ἀπλότητι, ὁ προϊστάμενος ἐν σπουδῇ, ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότητι.

1. Be Thinking Rightly About Yourself and Your _____

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All the grace that Paul has been given, as one who could do much and had accomplished much...

Paul speaks “to **everyone** present among you”

- This applies to everyone
- Not to be above-thinking (super-thinking)
- Beyond it is necessary to be thinking
- (what is true based upon what God tells us)
- But to be thinking [in a way that leads to] sensible-thinking

Because

- To **each** one
- God has determined and distributed
- A measure of belief

Our identity and abilities (like Paul’s) have been given to us by God.

This prompting to be thinking is connected to our abilities, which come from God. We are to understand that what we are and what we do comes from God. We are to assess ourselves in this light, and consider ourselves given what we have by God.

a. Not _____-thinking but _____-thinking

b. Not _____-made but _____-given abilities

2. Be Thinking Rightly About the Church & Your _____

⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, [being] many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Your Own Body

- a. You have _____ body
- b. There are _____ members
- c. Members do not all have the _____ function

The Church Body (The Body of Christ)

- a. Being _____ members
- b. We are being _____ body in Christ
- c. We are connected to _____ the other members in Christ

3. Be Serving _____ as Different Parts of One Body

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- a. Simple summary statement (v. 6)
 - Having “_____ -gifts” (charismata)
 - Which _____ as God determined
 - Which _____ by God
 - To _____ of us
 - _____ via your body, mind, and ability
- b. Each _____ is important
- c. Each _____ is important
- d. Each function is designed to minister to _____ in the Body
 - Prophecy (a temporary gift) → in proportion to the belief
 - Service (*diakonia* “ministry”) → in the ministry
 - The one teaching → in the teaching
 - The one exhorting → in the exhortation
 - The one sharing-with → in sincerity
 - The one leading → in haste (diligence = energy & urgency)
 - The one being-merciful → in cheerfulness (*hilarity*)

1 Pet 4:10-11 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, [let him speak] as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, [let him do it] as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.