

Romans 12:3-8

Duluth BibleChurch
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Outline

- Humility – Romans 12:3
- The Body – Romans 12:4-5
- Different Gifts – Romans 12:6-8

Paul has something to say

- This is apostolic advice
- It is through the grace given to him – he is alluding to apostolic authority.
- This is advice for everyone.

Don't Super-Think of Yourself

- *Uperphronein* – Super-Think – Think too highly of yourself.
- to have an unwarranted pride in oneself or in one's accomplishments — 'to be conceited, to be arrogant, to be proud, to think highly of oneself' **μη ὑπερφρονᾶν παρ' ὃ δέ φρονᾶν** 'do not think of yourselves more highly than you ought to think' or 'do not have an exaggerated opinion of your importance' Ro 12:3.
 - Louw, Johannes P. and Eugene A. Nida, eds. 2d, Accordance electronic edition, version 4.4. New York: United Bible Societies, 1989.

Humility

- "(Now the man Moses *was* very humble, more than all men *whowere* on the face of the earth)" (Numbers 12:3 [NKJV](#))
- "The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way (Psalm 25:9 [NKJV](#))
- "Better *to be* of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud." (Proverbs 16:19 [NKJV](#))
- "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (James 4:10 [NKJV](#))
- "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:5–6 [NKJV](#))

True humility is only possible in Christ

- I know I was born sinful and could never save myself
- I know I don't know everything...but God does.
- I know I am not perfect, but God gives me His grace.
- I know I am not the center of the universe, but the One who is the center of the universe gave Himself for me.
- I may just be a dumb sheep...but I have a Good Shepherd

Think Sober, Think Sanelly

- The world, the flesh, and the devil make us crazy.
- In Christ, as we walk by means of the Spirit, we can final be made sane.
- We can see ourselves as we are in relationship to everything else

Simple

- God has given each of us a little part in this adventure. In your church body, in your mission field.
- Whether you think your part is big or you think your part is small, stop overthinking about defending your worth, your importance, your praise.

The Body

Romans 12:4-5

Unity in Diversity

- The image of the Human Body provides enormous revelation as to the design and ideal function of the Church.
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Unity

- We are united in our beliefs
- We are united in our identification with Christ
- We are united in our relationship with Christ as the head of the body.
 - We take orders from the Lord through His word
 - Through the leading of the Holy Spirit

Unity comes through Bible Teaching

- This is why hermeneutics are important
- This is why regular, clear Bible teaching is important
- This is why verse-by-verse Bible teaching is MOST important.

The Diversity

- We have different places on the map
- Different gifts, talents, personalities
- We have different missions

Different Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

Spiritual Gifts Lists (Chronologically)



1 Corinthians 12 (55 AD)	Romans 12 (57 AD)	Ephesians 4 (62 AD)	1 Peter 4 (64 AD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• word of wisdom• the word of knowledge• faith• healings• working of miracles• Prophecy• discerning of spirits• <i>different</i> kinds of tongues,• interpretation of tongues.• Apostles• Prophets• Tongues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prophecy• Service• Teaching• Exhortation• Giving• Leadership• Mercy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apostles• Prophets• Evangelists• Pastor/Teacher• Eph. 2:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching• Service• Hospitality

Built on the Foundation

“having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,”

(Ephesians 2:20 [NKJV](#))

Your Spiritual Gifts

They are **SPIRITUAL**

- You must have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to GET IT.
- You must be Spiritual to USE IT properly
- It will fulfill the purposes of the Holy Spirit

They are **GIFTS**

- You cannot earn them
- You have no reason to be proud of them
- They have NOTHING to do with your IDENTITY

The Gifts Mentioned Here

- Prophecy – receiving revelation from God
- Service – acts that benefit or support others
- Teaching – explaining what God revealed
- Exhortation – comforting/encouraging
- Giving – Generosity with finance and possessions
- Leadership – Identifying direction and bringing others
- Mercy – Sparing others due consequences

What to do with them...

- Prophecy – In agreement with faith
- Service – In service
- Teaching – in teaching
- Exhortation – in exhorting
- Giving – with generosity
- Leadership – with diligence
- Mercy – cheerfully

Conclusion

Let's all serve the Lord!