



"Sound Judgment in Body Life"

Romans 12:3-8

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Christian service...

1. ...transformed minds to make humble and sound _____.

"For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." - Rom 12:3

1) **Speaking from God given _____ guards one from pride.**

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but **I labored** even more than all of them, yet not I, but **the grace of God with me.**

1 Corinthians 15:10

2) **Prideful _____ lead to a fleshly duty.** Mar 10:42-45

42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. 43 "But it is not this way among you, but **whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;** 44 and **whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.** 45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." [Mar 10:42-45 NASB95]

3) **Transformed _____ leads to sound judgment.**

4) **God's grace is enacted through _____ not works.** Heb 11:6

6 And **without faith it is impossible to please [Him,]** for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. [Heb 11:6 NASB95]

2. ...involves unified _____.

"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function," - Rom 12:4

1) **Learn to see your brother's _____ as a gift to you.**

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all [persons.] 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good.** [1Co 12:4-7 NASB95]

2) **God's differing gifts _____ His calling.** v5

🎧 "so **we, who are many, are one** body in Christ, and individually members one of another." - Rom 12:5

🎧 But **one and the same Spirit works all these things,** distributing to each one individually just as He wills. [1Co 12:11]

3. ...exercises your gift according to the grace _____.

6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, [each of us is to **exercise them accordingly:**] if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; [Rom 12:6 NASB95]

1) **Prophecy - a compulsion to warn of impending _____ for sinful behavior.**

🎧 13 Yet **the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets** [and] every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." [2Ki 17:13]

- 19 Yet He sent prophets to them to bring them back to the LORD; though they testified against them, they would not listen. [2Ch 24:19]

2) Service - ability to identify and meet the physical _____ of brethren. v7 Mar 10:43-44

- 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; [Rom 12:7 NASB95]
- 43 "But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. [Mar 10:43-44]

**3) Teaching - understanding and communicating God's _____.
10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice [it,] and to teach [His] statutes and ordinances in Israel. [Ezr 7:10]**

4) Exhortation - encourages the discouraged to _____ in God's promises.

- "or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." - Rom 12:8
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not [in] vain in the Lord. [1Co 15:58]

5) Giving - providing _____ with material goods or finances joyfully.

6 Now this [I say,] he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ... 10 Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; [2Co 9:6, 10]

6) Leadership - visionary who _____ & _____ the flock.

- 17 The elders who rule [lead] well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. [1Ti 5:17]
- 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to [the will of] God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. [1Pe 5:2-3 NASB95]

7) Mercy - mental and emotional _____ for others who are suffering.

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, [Eph 2:4]