

THE BELIEVER AND HIMSELF

Romans 12:3-8

1. THE PROPER ATTITUDE: TRUE HUMILITY (V. 3)

a.) Think soberly

b.) The reasons:

1.) What we have, came from the Lord (James 1:17; 1 Cor. 4:7; Eph. 4:7)

2.) God gifts every person

2. THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP: UNITY IN DIVERSITY (V. 4-5)

a.) Genuine believers are one body in Christ

(Phil. 2:3-4; Luke 14:10, Luke 22:26; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5; Prov. 22:4;

Prov. 29:23; Luke 17:5; Mark 9:24; Rom. 10:17)

3. THE PROPER SERVICE: EXERCISING OUR GIFTS (V. 6-8)

a.) The believer is to use the gift(s) that God has given him

1.) "Gift" (Charisma) = "Very special ability"

2.) "According to the grace that is given to us."

b.) What are the gifts?

1.) **Gift of prophecy:** "To proclaim and explain the will of God"

(1 Cor. 14:3)

2.) **Gift of ministry:** "To serve and minister to others"

(Matt. 10:42; Gal.6:10; Phil. 2:5-7; John 1:27)

3.) **Gift of teaching:** "The ability to explain, root and ground people in the truth" (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11; Matt. 28:20)

4.) **Gift of exhortation:** "The ability to excite, motivate, advise, encourage, comfort and warn people." (2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:9, 2:11-15)

5.) **Gift of giving:** "Sharing of one's earthly possessions", with "simplicity" (Matt. 6:3; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7)

6.) **Gift of ruling:** "The ability of leadership, authority, administration" (Rom 12:11; 1 Pet. 5:2-3)

7.) **Gift of Mercy:** "A person full of forgiveness and compassion, towards others." (Matt. 5:17; Luke 6:36. Hosea 12:6; Micah 6:8)

(Discover - Develop - Distribute Your Gift)

"A Christian cannot be committed to Christ and be inactive in his service. He cannot love the Lord but not obey the Lord. He cannot be surrendered to the Lord and not minister for the Lord. True worship cannot be divorced from service."