

Transformed Thinking About Myself: Be Transformed Part 2

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Romans 12:3-8 *“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.”*

1. The Transformed Person Thinks “Soberly” – vs. 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.”*

- Not to think highly of ourselves- compare with Phil. 2:5-8
- Not to think lowly of the work Christ has done in us

Read Luke 18:10-12

2. A Transformed Person Sees Himself as Part of the “Body” – vs. 4-5

“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.”

- We will use the gifts we have without showing off
- We will honour and respect the gifts of others

Questions:

1. What does it mean to think “soberly?” If you had to pick, would you say your natural self is inclined to think more of self than you ought, or less?
2. Why do you think Paul describes the church as a “body?” What implications does this

have?

3. What gifts do you believe God has gifted you with to use for the building up of His church? If married, what gifts do you see God has given to your spouse?

Prayer: *“Father, thank you for all you have done for us in Christ Jesus. Help me to think of myself as I ought: though in reality I was not worthy, you loved me and died for me. Help me to never become prideful like the Pharisee, but humbly use what you have given and honour and respect the giftings of others in the body. In Jesus’ name, amen!”*