

Belonging to Jesus: “Transformed Living in Community”
Romans 12:1-8

Romans 12:3-5

- (3) 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.
- (4) For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function,
- (5) so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

1. Recognize daily _____.
(Romans 12:3; See Romans 1:18-3:20)

Pride = Narcissism (self-absorption) + Conceit (overestimate one’s abilities/worth)
Think a lot *about* yourself + Think a lot *of* yourself

Source: Insecurity Result: overinflate self-appraisal to compensate

Cornelius Plantinga, *Not the Way It’s Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin* (Eerdmans, 1995)

2. Recognize daily _____.
(Romans 12:3; See Romans 8:5-8)

**3. Choose _____ as the standard for the
renewing of your mind.** (Romans 12:3)

“God has allotted to each a measure of faith”

4. Identify and practice your _____ within the body of Christ. (Romans 12:4-5)

Human Body

Church

- 1. Unity (Oneness) in Christ**
- 2. Many members, with diversity of functions**
- 3. Interdependence and Mutuality**
- 4. Responsibility to exercise your God-given gift**

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Spend time today in Philippians 4:1-4 and identify the kind of attitude that is being asked of us. Take it a step further and identify the attitude found in Christ (see Philippians 2:5-11).
- Determine to put this into practice and establish a plan with accountability to do that.
- Celebrate with others what God is doing in your life.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Identify from other passages in Romans what Paul says about pride: Romans 11:18, 20, 25; 12:16; and the fundamental problem in Romans 8:6-8.
- From Romans 12:1-8, how would pride affect the transformation by the renewal of our minds? From this passage how can we counteract it?
- For further work, what does Christ say about humility? See Matthew 5:3, 5; 11:29; 18:3-4; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 1 Peter 5:5.

Friday-Saturday

- Spend time in 1 Corinthians 12 today and identify the key principles for understanding the body of Christ and the gifts within the body.
- “We belong to each other, we minister to each other, and we need each other.” What does this actually look like in your life?
- What areas need to be affirmed in your thinking? What areas need to be changed in your thinking? Discuss this topic with another individual or in a group and determine together how you can practically apply what you’ve learned.