

*Paul's Letter to the*  
**Romans**

*Ch. 12:3-8 Pt. 1*



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# INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW THE CHURCH IS TO FUNCTION

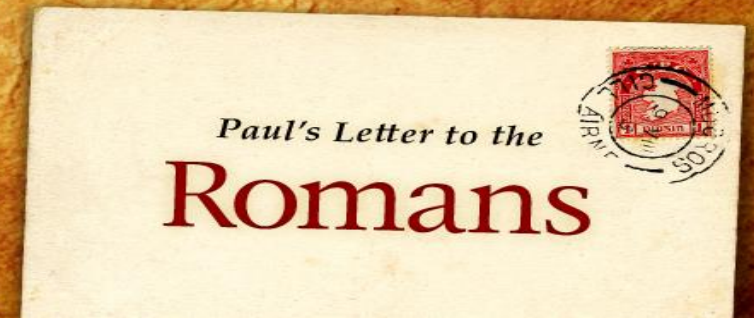


1. In Humility v. 3
2. In Unity vv. 4-5 (even though we are diverse)
3. In Service v. 6



# ROMANS 12:3-8

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# PRIDE

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

“The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’

“While the word was in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.’ “Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.” Dan. 3:30-33





# PRIDE



Prov. 11:2 “When pride comes, then comes dishonor”

Prov. 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.”

Prov. 29:23 “a man’s pride will bring him low.”



# PRIDE



If a person is blessed beyond measure with great talent or great wealth, or great ability, we are not to see that as coming FROM ourselves but from God who is the source of every good thing.



# PRIDE

SATAN



13 “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

14 ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

15 “Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit. (Is. 14:13-15)



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## MARK 9:33-36

33 They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.

35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."





## LUKE 22:24-27



24 “And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

25 And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors.’

26 “But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you **must** become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

27 “For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But **I** am among you as the one who serves.”



# JOHN 13:12-17



12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?”

13 “You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

14 “If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

15 “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

16 “Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

17 “If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.



# WHAT IS THE POINT OF THE PASSAGE? (v. 3)



- ✓ We are to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God. v. 1
- ✓ We are NOT to be conformed to this world, but we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds through Scripture v. 2
- ✓ And AS these things takes place, as you draw closer to God, as you live a more and more holy life, using the gifts that God has given you, don't become puffed up with yourself! v. 3
- ✓ Don't have an inflated view of yourself.



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# USING “SOUND JUDGMENT”



Means: “To be prudent, with focus on self-control.  
Reasonable, sensible, serious, keeping ones head”\*

\*BDAG. A Greek English Lexicon of the NT and other early Christian literature:  
Bauer, Walter, Danker, Frederick William



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1. In Humility v. 3 (Just like our Savior)



# PHIL. 2:3-8

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

1. Don't be selfish as you serve.
2. Look at those in the church as MORE important than yourself (big one)
3. Don't just be concerned with your own life, be concerned with others lives too.





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## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.





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# NEXT TIME

Gifts

