

Parson to Person

ROMANS 12 PART 3

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:1–2 NKJV).

It is said that humility is thinking fairly and honestly about who and what we are—not thinking poorly of one’s self. True humility is an honest recognition of both strength and weakness. True humility also embraces an others-centered approach to the services and attributes one may provide—whether those services are provided by one’s self or by another. Therefore, defaulting to others who have similar giftings and strengths may be an act of humility—if the one defaulting to another is doing so in honor of the other or in the recognition of the value being offered. On the other hand, if one defaults to another as the result self-preservation, indifference, laziness, or feelings of inadequacy, this is not humility—it is pride.

In addition, pride may also be demonstrated by the act of false humility and self-deprecation. This kind of false humility is uncomely and should not be seen in the Christian family. Therefore, with all that said, believers should be both willing to serve—exercising the gifts and calling God has place in them, and enjoy seeing others do the same—that all may serve and all may be rewarded in doing so.

Believers are all important to the family of God. We are described as the body of Christ—with Jesus Himself as head. Therefore, to refrain from service suggests that God has given every believer unique and needed capabilities for service but for one reason or another are unwilling to exercise those needed attributes every member supplies.

Sadly, the western church tends to glamorize certain ministries over others and therefore those who do not serve as “pastor in the pulpit,” “singers on the worship team,” or other “high profile leaders” are thought to be unimportant and insignificant. However, in the Church, this is not the case. We are all needed and all important. Paul even suggested that those gifts and callings we think to be the least are often the most important. It is easy to be the face, ears, or mouth of the “body”, but being the liver, lungs, or pancreas may not be the part many seek to supply.

I do not need to show how important the liver, lungs or pancreas may be. One can live without a mouth, eyes or ears—but survival is dependent on many of the less desirable or invisible parts.

We are all important to God and all are important to one another. We are a body, and we must all participate in the role God has called us to. If so, the Church will be healthy and we will bless all those around us—and most importantly—we will bless the Lord. *“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.”*

I Love you all,
Pastor Paul