

HUMILITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Romans 12:3-5)

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A. PRIDE is the Enemy of Grace

1. You are "*not to think more highly*" of yourself, i.e., you are not to have an _____, _____ estimation of yourself. (12:3a, cf. Philip. 2:1-4)

2. God's righteousness can be reflected in your life when you have a _____, _____ estimation of yourself. (12:3b)
 - a. You must allow God's Word (via the Holy Spirit) to _____ you as a believer the riches of His _____. (1 Cor. 2:12; 4:7; 8:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:18)

 - b. You must learn to give all the _____ to the _____ (1 Cor. 1:31; 15:10), and to rely on Him for _____ in life (2 Cor. 3:5).

3. This problem with pride is _____ to our sinful, human nature. (Mark 7:21-23)

* What is the "*measure of faith*" mean in v. 3?

* What does God's grace teach us about ourselves?

B. The Multifaceted BODY of Christ

1. The previous “Christian Life” truths of living by _____ through _____ in light of your _____ with Christ and in the power of the _____ (Rom. 6-8; 12:1-2) must be remembered when applying this entire passage (12:3-21)

2. As Christians in the Universal Church, we ought to think of ourselves as unique members working together for the greater good of the _____, while pleasing the _____. (v. 4)

3. Naturally our physical body parts do _____ have the same _____ as other body parts or they would be redundant; and this is why we have been uniquely, spiritually _____ with a purpose.

* How do these “gifts” differ from natural talents?

* What is the purpose of your spiritual gift?

4. As Christians we are not only _____ of _____ Body, but in addition, we are “*members of one another.*” (v. 5, cf. Eph. 4:25)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?