



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

God has Gifted You to Serve! Romans 12:3-8

(Romans 12:3–8) ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1. Give an example of an act of humility that you have witnessed or heard of. Explain to the group why this act stands out in your mind.
2. Agree or disagree and why? It's redundant to refer to grace as a gift.
3. Why does Paul identify himself as “a recipient of grace”? What had God's grace done for Paul? Why might it be said that Paul received “grace upon grace”?
4. Name some ways that “arrogance” shows itself in our everyday lives. Why shouldn't we think too highly of ourselves?
5. Paul writes: “...but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.” Sober

means “sensible.” How does God-given faith help us to think sensibly about who and what we were before we knew Christ? How does it help us to think sensibly about ourselves now that we believe in Jesus?

6. How does “worldly humility” differ from “Christian or Christ-like humility”?
7. What's Paul's point in likening the members of Christ's Church to the members of the human body?
8. Describe the nature of each of the gifts that Paul lists in Romans 12:6-8. Connect these gifts to present day ways of serving at Mount Olive. (Prophesying, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, showing mercy)
9. What challenges does a congregation like Mount Olive face when it comes to enlisting members to serve? How can we as a congregation overcome these challenges?
10. Agree or disagree and why? Humility is not a matter of thinking less of oneself, but rather it's a matter of thinking of oneself less.
11. Explain: Christians should not be “guilted” into service.