

## HUMILITY

--ROMANS 12:3--

### INTRODUCTION:

Last week we began Romans 12 where Paul goes from teaching the doctrine of salvation to teaching how to live this new life that we have in Christ. In the first two verses we learned how this was to be done in relation to God and it was by proper worship. Proper worship is produced in the soul and because of the mercies of God results in the believer presenting himself as a living and holy sacrifice to God which leads to a transformation which takes place by the Spirit renewing the mind through the application of the Word of God, it is here that we find out God's will for our life.

This morning we begin to learn about our walk of faith in relation to others, in particular in relation to other believers. Once we have surrendered completely to God, then God can take our life and use it for His glory. This usefulness will first be seen in relation to other people and this is seen in several things. We will look at one this morning and that is proper attitude.

#### I. PROPER WORSHIP (Romans 12:1-2)

- a. Last week we saw as Paul came alongside us and encouraged and urged us to genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ God as God desires us to worship Him.
- b. When we as believers come to Romans 12:1-2 we are all at the same \_\_\_\_\_; this is the first obligation of every believer before God.
- c. Does this mean that \_\_\_\_\_ can only happen when these two are combined together?

#### II. PROPER ATTITUDE (Romans 12:3)

- a. The Apostle begins verse 3 by saying, "*For through the \_\_\_\_\_ given to me...*" (Romans 12:3a, NASB95) (Ephesians 3:7-8)

- b. God's grace became for Paul the power and equipment that he needed to minister as an \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles. (1 Timothy 1:12-14)
- c. What Paul has to say is authoritative because he is an apostle sent to us with a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
- d. He tells us to not \_\_\_\_\_ more highly of ourselves than we ought.
- e. Paul is really talking about \_\_\_\_\_ as the proper attitude and humility is born out of a life fully surrendered to God.
- f. Paul goes on in the end of verse 3 to tell us how we rightly recognize our \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11)
- g. What exactly is this measure of \_\_\_\_\_ that God measures out to us? It is the kind and quantity of faith needed to carry out our gifting.

### CONCLUSION:

Paul in this chapter moves from doctrine to practice, how do we live out this salvation that we received from God. We have looked at two things that we can do to live out our salvation and bring glory to God. First, is proper worship that comes from an understanding of the mercies of God which results in presenting our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice. This is proper worship when we surrender all that we are to God so that we can walk in His will and be useful to Him. Second, is a proper attitude, one of humility when we look at how God has gifted us to serve Him, and as we look at others and how God has gifted them. We must have a right estimation of ourselves so that we do not become prideful or boastful about our gift, because then we are doing it in our own strength. We must realize that God has gifted us all differently and that diversity is necessary for the church to function properly. Everyone's gift is important for the purpose of advancing God's kingdom, for the building up of the church, and for praising and glorifying the name of our God. Never downplay your gift or someone else's, never exalt your gift or someone else's because they are all important and uniquely given with the measure of faith needed to carry out your gift to the glory of God.

