

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 measure of faith God has given you. ⁴Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.
- **Romans 12:3-8**

“What we believe helps to determine how we behave.”

QUESTION: What is doctrine?

ANSWER: It is a principle of belief and instruction.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. – **Proverbs 27:17**

How do we operate in God's grace and not in the flesh?

1) Take an honest look at yourself.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. – **Ephesians 4:2**

↪ Paul tells us to think of ourselves with “sober judgment”.

↪ Meaning: Don't get “intoxicated” with yourself.

2) Use your gifts the way they were intended.

↪ Nothing is more beautiful than when the body of Christ works in unison.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ²It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. ³It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. – **Psalm 133**

↪ God gives us gifts ultimately for the building up of the church.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. – **I Peter 4:8-11**