

HOW DO I COME TO GRIPS WITH THE REAL ME?

Part II of Q3 of The Profile of an Authentic Disciple

Romans 12:3-8

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✚ Five questions answered in Romans 12 that help shape a disciple.

Q1: How do I give God what He wants most? 12:1

Q2: How do I get God's best for my life? 12:2

Q3: How do I come to grips with the real me? 12:3-8

Q4: How do I experience authentic community? 12:9-13

Q5: How do I overcome the evil aimed at me? 12:14-21

✚ How do I come to grips with the real me?

I. THE COMMAND: THINK ACCURATELY ABOUT YOURSELF.

This Is _____, Romans 12:3

A. Two Negatives:

B. Three Positives:

God uniquely created you. You are _____.

II. THE REASON: YOU HAVE A ROLE TO FULFILL!

This Is _____, Romans 12:4-5

A. Three Truths:

B. Two Principles:

God placed you in His family. You are _____.

III. THE PRACTICE: DISCOVER AND DEPLOY YOUR GIFTS.

This Is _____, Romans 12:6-8

A. Three Definitions

- A spiritual gift is a divine endowment of a special ability for service upon a member of the body of Christ.
- A spiritual gift is a unique ability sovereignly given to each believer by the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation for the purpose of serving the Lord. The lion's share of service will relate to one's local church.
- A spiritual gift is an ability or skill that enables the recipient to perform a function (spiritual in kind) effectively and significantly in the Body of Christ with ease and effectiveness.

B. Three Truths

- Every believer has at least one gift.
- The gifts we possess differ. No believer has all the gifts.
- We are to exercise our gifts for the benefit of the Body. Your gift enables you to serve effectively.

C. Some Considerations Regarding Spiritual Gifts

D. Seven Spiritual Gifts in Romans 12

- Prophecy – special grace to proclaim God's message, particularly pointing out sin and righteousness.
- Serving – special grace to see and meet the practical needs of others.
- Teaching – special grace to explain truth clearly and accurately.
- Exhortation – special grace to motivate others to godliness.
- Giving – special grace to give money and possessions to further the ministries of others.
- Leading – special grace to direct others for the accomplishment of common goals.
- Mercy – special grace to understand others who are in distress and to comfort them.

E. Three Characteristics of a Healthy Church

- Genuine _____.
- Positive _____.
- Life-giving _____.

God gifted you to fulfill His purpose. You are _____.