

Being The Body

Romans 12:3-8

As Individual Believers, we have an Obligation to give the Lord our very best in Service & Sacrifice.

The Rest of this chapter Focuses on the Individual Believer's Duty TO & our Place IN the Body of Christ...which is the Church.

Today, we see Three Observations every believer needs to make concerning where he/she FITS into God's Plan for the Body of Christ.

1. WATCH YOUR PRIDE IN THE BODY (v.3)

- P-R-I-D-E puts "I" at its Center!
- The first Challenge against Pride is a DANGER To Avoid.
- Pride has a Two-Fold Danger...Self-Deception & Self-Depreciation.
- The second challenge against Pride is a DECISION To Accept.
- Since it's GOD has gifted you, just Use that gift & Let Him have the glory.

2. WATCH YOUR PLACE IN THE BODY (vv.4-5)

- To Teach us HOW to use our gifts for the Whole body of Christ, Paul says
- We Must Understand The Human Body IMAGE (v.4)
- We Must Understand Our INDIVIDUALITY (v.5a) (1 Corinthians 12:4-12)
- Be sure to Understand Our INTEGRATION (v.5b) (1 Corinthians 12:14-27)

3. WATCH YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE BODY (vv.6-8)

- After we find our Niche in the body of Christ, we're to DO what He's gifted us to DO.
- Paul reminds us of Our CALL (v.6a)
- Paul reminds us of The CRITERIA (vv.6b-8a) (1 Cor. 12:28-31, Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Pet. 4:10)
- Finally, Paul closes with A CAUTION (v.8b)
- Be cautious of your ATTITUDES that Accompany these gifts...Liberality, Diligence, & Cheerfulness.
- A "Living Sacrifice" doesn't live for ITSELF...it lives for OTHERS.