

## HONEST Self-Evaluation ~ Romans 12:3

→Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-3

### INTRODUCTION

<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's MERCY, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.

### How NOT to THINK ~ Romans 12:3

<sup>3</sup> 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.

**Ephesians 3:7** (NIV) I became a SERVANT of this gospel by the gift of God's GRACE given me through the working of his power.

**1 Peter 4:10** (NIV) EACH ONE should use whatever GIFT he has received to serve others...

**Romans 12:3** (JBP) ...Don't cherish **Exaggerated** ideas of yourself or your importance...

**Pride** - is a preoccupation and focus on self. Ingram

**Humility**- is not thinking too highly of yourself or too low of yourself; humility is not thinking of yourself at all. Ingram

### IMPLICATIONS

**Do not think of yourself more HIGHLY than you ought**

**Philippians 3:7-9** (NLT) I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.

<sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of KNOWING Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ

<sup>9</sup> and become ONE WITH HIM. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through FAITH in Christ. For God's way of making us right with Himself depends on FAITH.

**1 Timothy 1:12-13** (NIV) I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I WAS ONCE a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown MERCY...

**A Renewed Mind** sees everything through Mercy-Colored glasses. HNTC

### Thinking SENSIBLY ~ Romans 12:3

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Whatever we have in the way of natural abilities or spiritual gifts all should be used with humility for building up the body of Christ. IF we are proud, we cannot exercise our FAITH and GIFTS to benefit others. And IF we consider ourselves worthless, we also withhold what God intended to deliver to others through us. LABC

### IMPLICATIONS

Do NOT think of yourself more highly than you ought ...RATHER think of yourself with sober judgment

**Sober judgment**- renews the realization that living sacrifices owe ALL to God... Holman NT Com

**Ex. 3:7, 10** (NIV) The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

...<sup>10</sup> So now, GO. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.

**Ex. 3:11-12** (NIV) But Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> And God said, I will be with you...

**Num.12:3** (NIV) Now Moses was a very HUMBLE man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.

## TAKE AWAY ??

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### The TRUTH about Who I am? Ingram

➤ **God MADE me-** God made me the way I am, He is my designer, my maker

**Ps.139:13-15** (NLT) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous - how well I know it. <sup>15</sup> You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

➤ **I BELONG-** I am Wanted, Appreciated, and Loved by God

**Romans 8:31-32** (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with HIM, graciously give us ALL things?

➤ **I Have VALUE-** I am made in God's image and Christ Lives in me

**Isaiah 61:10** (NIV) I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

➤ **I am SECURE-** in my Relationship with Christ

**Romans 8:38-39** (NLT) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

➤ **I am CAPABLE-** I am Gifted and Equipped by the Holy Spirit

**Philip. 2:13** (NLT) For God is working in you, GIVING you the desire and the power to DO what pleases him.

**Philip. 4:13** (NLT) For I can DO everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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Would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt.  
Who am I? That the bright and morning star,  
Would choose to light the way, For my ever wandering heart?

Who am I? That the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love and watch me rise again?  
Who am I? That the voice that calm the sea,  
Would call out through the rain, and calms the storm in me.

Not because of who I am but because of what you've done.  
Not because of what I've done, but because of who you are.  
I am a flower quickly fading, Here today and gone tomorrow.  
A wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind.  
Still you hear me when I'm calling, Lord you catch me when I'm falling,  
**And you told me who I am. I am yours. I am yours.**