#### **Romans 12:1** (JBP)

With eyes wide open to the mercies of God,
I beg you, my brothers, as an act of
intelligent worship, to give Him your bodies,
as a living sacrifice, consecrated to Him
and acceptable by Him.

### **Romans 12:2** (JBP)

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all His demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.

### **Romans 12:3** (JBP)

As your spiritual teacher I give this piece of advice to each one of you. Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.

### HONEST Self-Evaluation

**Romans 12:3** 

12:1 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.

12:2 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.

<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

Philippians 3:7-9 (NLT)

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has DONE.

8 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**.

1 Timothy 1:12-13 (NIV)

Even though I WAS ONCE a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man,

was shown MERCY...

### A Renewed Mind sees everything through Mercy-Colored glasses.

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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

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... HNTC

#### Exodus 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.

Exodus 3:7, 10 (NIV)
...<sup>10</sup> So now, **GO. I am sending you** to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.

Exodus 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? 12 And God said,
I will be WITH YOU...

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

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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
- ➤ I BELONG- I am Wanted, Appreciated, and Loved by God
- ➤ I Have VALUE- I am made in God's image and Christ Lives in me

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

### The TRUTH about Who I am? Ingram

- ➤ I am SECURE- in my Relationship with Christ
- ➤ I am CAPABLE- I am Gifted and Equipped by the Holy Spirit

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 THINK of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

Who am I? That the Lord of all the earth,
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.