**Romans**

It’s Not About Us

Romans 12:3 - 5

Don’t Think Too Highly of Ourselves

* Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. (Rom 11:18)
* Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: (Rom 11:20)
* For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (Rom 11:25)
* But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. (James 4:6 AV)
* For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (Is 66:2)
* Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. (Prov 16:18)
* Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. (1 Cor 10:12)
* Ultimate Example of Humility
  + 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Phil 2:5-8)
* Thus saith the LORD; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. (Jer 17:5)
* Job
  + 3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said, 4 Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. 5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further. (Job 40:3-5)

Remember, It is God Who Gives Gifts

* But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. (1 Cor 12:11)

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1. Members of One Another
   * + So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (Rom 12:5)
2. Devoted to One Another
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3. Honor One Another
   * + *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; (Rom 12:10)
4. Be of the Same Mind with One Another
   * + Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: (Rom 15:5)
5. Receive One Another
   * + Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)
6. Admonish One Another
   * + And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. (Rom 15:14)
7. Greet One Another
   * + 3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us. (Rom 16:3-6)
     + Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you. (Rom 16:16)
8. Serve One Another
   * + For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. (Gal 5:13)
9. Bear One Another’s Burdens
   * + Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. (Gal 6:2)
10. Bearing with One Another
    * + With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (Eph 4:2)
11. Submit to One Another
    * + Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (Eph 5:21)
12. “Encourage One Another” (1 Thess. 5:11)
    * + Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. (1 Thess 5:11)

NOTE:

* But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (1 Cor 12:7)
* But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. (Eph 4:7)
* As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Pet 4:10)

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