



GRATEFUL LIVING

by the Mercies of God in Christ

Lesson 5 • Romans 12:3-8

Romans 15:8-9

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,

We Are to Glorify God's Mercy to Us in Christ by...

- **WORSHIPFUL** Living for God ~ Romans 12:1-2
- **MERCIFUL** Living with One Another ~ Romans 12:9-16
- **MERCIFUL** Living with Our Enemies ~ Romans 12:17-21
- **GRATEFUL** Living in the Local Church ~ Romans 12:3-8

How to Glorify God with Grateful Living

1. Get over _____ . (v. 3)

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. MSG

Does the measure of faith refer to the saving faith God gives to every believer?

Or does it refer to the grace gift(s) God gives to every believer?

In some sense it refers to both, since grace gifts are given to the believer when they are saved by faith in Christ due to God's sovereign grace.

Get Over Yourself with Balanced Thinking

- All we have comes from God, so don't think _____ of yourself.
 - We think too lowly of ourselves because we don't acknowledge that God is our creator. *Psalms 139:13-16, Ephesians 2:8-10*
 - We think too lowly of ourselves because we don't acknowledge God is our loving heavenly father. *Romans 8:14-17, Ephesians 1:3*
- All we have comes from God, so don't think _____ of yourself.
1 Corinthians 6: 19-2, Philipians 2:3-5

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Romans 12:16

Get Over Yourself with Sober Judgment

- Sober = See yourself from _____ not yours, others, or the worlds.

Colossians 1:21-22

... as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved . . . Colossians 3:12

- Judgment = Act on God's perspective as you _____ about yourself, others, and the world.

2. Start _____ One Another. (vv. 4-8)

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. ESV

Grateful Living Recognizes Unity in Diversity

- We are many but still live in harmonious _____. (v. 4)
Colossians 3:12-15

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

- We are one with much _____ in functions/roles/gifts. (v. 5)

Grateful Living Rejoices in Using Their Gifts to Serve One Another

- We should be _____ in _____ serving the local church for the rest of our lives. (v. 6a)

These are often called motivational gifts—the gift of God’s mercy in Christ should motivate us to serve Him and His Church!

- We should be _____ to use _____ gifts we have to serve one another. (vv. 6b-8)

These gifts differ but the motivation is the same: God’s mercy to us in Christ!

if prophecy, *in proportion to our faith*;

This gift was true revelation from God and ceased with the completion of the Bible (canon) and as the last generation of apostles passed off the scene.

It’s inspired and inerrant function is replaced with the inspired, inerrant Bible.

It’s exhorting and encouraging function is replaced with the gift of exhortation/encouragement (see below).

if service, *in our serving*;

the one who teaches, *in his teaching*;

the one who exhorts, *in his exhortation*;

the one who contributes, *in generosity*;

the one who leads, *with zeal*;

the one who does acts of mercy, *with cheerfulness*.

By the Mercies of God in Christ...

**Those who delight in giving God the glory He deserves,
will determine to get over themselves and start serving others!**