

# MORE HIGHLY THAN YOU OUGHT TO THINK?

## Romans 12:1-3

**Theme: How it is possible to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think**

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**The gift(s) I believe the Holy Spirit has given to me** (please circle):

1. **Apostle** (1 Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11) -- the work (not office!) of going into an area where Christ has not been named and proclaiming the truth of salvation, bringing that group of believers together to teach and train them, and establishing that nucleus into a church.
2. **Prophet** (Rom 12:6; 1 Cor 12:10; 14:1-40; Eph 4:11) -- the proclaiming of revealed truth.
3. **Evangelist** (Eph 4:11) -- able to proclaim the gospel message of salvation with exceptional clarity; also includes idea of itinerant ministry.
4. **Pastor-teacher** (Eph 4:11) -- pastor is shepherd. The pastor/teacher rules as well as feeds the flock; for the ruling is essential to the successful feeding.
5. **Teacher** (1 Cor 12:28; Rom 12:7) -- one able to acquire and effectively communicate the truth of God's Word -- even if only to one person.
6. **Helps** (1 Cor 12:28 or *ministry* Rom 12:7) -- one who loves to voluntarily assist in a way that brings strength and encouragement to others.
7. **Administration** (Rom 12:8, "*ruleth*" and 1 Cor 12:28, "*governments*") -- one who has the ability to serve by steering others in the discipline of God's work.
8. **Exhortation** (Rom 12:8) -- the ability to encourage, comfort and admonish people so that they act on the truth.
9. **Giving** (Rom 12:8) -- ability to be very generous with what means one has with no thought of return or self-gain.
10. **Showing mercy** (Rom 12:8) -- one who, with cheerfulness, helps those particularly who are sick and afflicted.
11. **Faith** (1 Cor 12:9) -- one who is able to lay hold of God for the supply of specific needs, in some special way, which differs from the faith that every believer has.

**My Practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1-11 are D\_\_\_\_\_al chapters and Romans 12-16 are P\_\_\_\_\_al chapters.

*You are thinking more highly of yourself than you ought to think if you...*

**I. ... IGNORE the P\_\_\_\_\_ of your spiritual gift (1-2)**

**A. P\_\_\_\_\_tion (1)**

**B. T\_\_\_\_\_tion (2)**

1. M\_\_\_\_\_ly

2. M\_\_\_\_\_ly

**C. I\_\_\_\_\_tion (3)**

**II. ... CLAIM the P\_\_\_\_\_ of a spiritual gift you do not have (3)**

**A. How \_\_\_\_\_ to Think**

**B. How \_\_\_\_\_ to Think**

**III. ... NEGLECT the P\_\_\_\_\_ of your spiritual gift (4-8)**

**A. The P\_\_\_\_\_**

**B. The P\_\_\_\_\_**