

► Having offered our lives as living sacrifices, we must now individually evaluate our lives before God as we prepare for service.

(1) I must evaluate the life of the “new” me, 12:3.

- We are not to think beyond ourselves.
- We are to approach this very thoughtfully with all humility and seriousness.
- We are to allow God to “think us past ourselves” according to the faith he has given.
- Our “measure” is faith—believing God.

(2) I must evaluate where the “new” me fits in the context of the Church, 12:4-5.

- We are one body with many members.
- We have differing gifts and differing functions.
- We are unique in that we are one body in Christ. (Not just a group of people who have developed camaraderie and formed an organization.)
- We are musketeers. One for all and all for one. In it together.

(3) I must evaluate and exhort the “new” me in view of God’s gifting, 12:6-8.

The “Skinny” on Spiritual Gifts in Romans 12 ...

Everyone has a gift.
The gift is given by God by grace.
The gifts differ.
The gifts are to be used.
The use of the gifts is directed by faith.

Note the Progression ...

BOW BEFORE GOD ➔ NOW HEAR GOD ➔ RENEWED MIND ➔ CHANGED LIFE ➔ KNOW THE WILL OF GOD BY REAL WORLD TESTING ➔ READY TO SEE WHERE THE “NEW” ME FITS IN GOD’S PLAN.

Seeing the real you ...

- You do not see the “real” you (the “new” you) until you are bowed before the throne of God. When this happens, you will begin receiving a torrent of new “God information” which will absolutely change your life. Now things are clicking. Light bulb flickers, then shines brightly. **Welcome to God’s world. Same planet, different view.** Still on Earth but your horizon has expanded far beyond. Enjoy the view. You have finally arrived at a place where you will begin to see yourself as God sees you. You will begin to understand the works that he has crafted especially for you. You will begin to drink with great satisfaction the pleasure of your Father in Heaven.

The “measure” we use ...

What measure do you use ?

My Plans!



- (Mark 4:24 NIV84) “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “**With the measure you use**, it will be measured to you—and even more.”
- (Matthew 7:2 NIV84) For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with **the measure you use**, it will be measured to you.
- (Luke 6:38 NIV84) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For **with the measure you use**, it will be measured to you.

- (Romans 12:3 ESV) For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, **each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.**

- μέτρον: literally measure, or a measurement.
—Are we using God’s measurement?

