

In God's Church We All Need Each Other

Romans 12:1-8

Romans 1-11 – How we become right with God
(What grace has accomplished for us)

Romans 12-16 – How we live rightly before God
(What grace now requires of us)

Do you want to be an effective servant in your church, an important joy and asset to the new pastor coming your way? What do you expect of this new leader anyway? Do you want to become a person whose life compliments what God has done for you?

If your answer is “yes” you need to make three commitments.

Commitment #1 – Offer your BODY to God (1)

Why? Because of his abundant mercies (chapters 1-11)

This sacrifice is living, holy, pleasing to God, logical, and worshipful.

Commitment #2 – Offer your MIND to God (2)

Have a mind that is transformed, not conformed, from the world's thought patterns to God's thought patterns

Make these first two commitments and you will know and experience the Will of God for your life!

Commitment #3 – Offer your SERVICE to God (3-8)

1. Assess your attitude
 - Do I have an attitude of superiority?
 - Or do I see that I need others and they need me?
2. Assess the “measure of faith” God has given you.
 - Each of us is but one member of the Body of Christ
 - Each of us has different gifts of grace (“charismata”)

Some proclaim God's will in a situation

Some pitch in and serve whenever anything needs done

Some instruct others in doctrine

Some encourage others with “just the right word”

Some contribute their wealth with exceptional generosity

Some lead ministries effectively

Some show compassion to those who hurt

To a degree, all of us should do each of these ministries, but we are not gifted to concentrate on all of them.

No particular spiritual gift is a sign that you've reached a higher spirituality.

No particular spiritual gift can be practiced by all.

No one has all these gifts—not even the Pastor!

Which spiritual ability (which “charismatic gift”) might be yours, so you can serve Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk?