

“3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.”

God often brings this scripture to mind for me to contemplate. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I tend to be a prideful guy and left unchecked it can get pretty ugly. However, as I make this journey in life with God, he's very gracious through conversation, prayer, and experience has taught me a lot about humility. The key to humility is not to think too much of yourself, and also not to think too little of yourself, but to understand exactly how and who God made you to be. Paul addresses that in this passage. He's about to talk about giftings in the next couple of verses and so this is the lead in. He's saying, God has given you skills, abilities, capabilities, resources, influences, etc...etc. Things that a person could brag about. But when you fit them into the context of using them to serve God and others, it becomes less about what you are able to do and more about how God wants to bless others through you. So be sober minded about your capabilities. Don't brag about them in a prideful sense.

Others of us might fall into the opposite problem, a broken humility where you think too little of yourself. On this end of the spectrum people doubt their capabilities or question if others would value them, or compare themselves to others who can do it better and they become tempted to withhold their skills, resources, and abilities because they cannot see the value of them. God gifted you, graced you with these and desires you experience joy when you offer them in service to Him and to others.

So regardless of where you tend to lean. Think humbly, honestly about what God has given you and how you can offer it to Him in service.

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