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Giftng for Every Member Ministry

Romans 12:3-8

(black Bible page 948; Children's Bible page 1413)

Our series continues: *Healthy: Life & Church in Romans 12-16*

The problem:

- Pride? "...everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgement..." (12:3)

- But it looks like it is *horizontal* pride (see 12:4), stemming from comparisons with others rather than a comparison with God's commands or God Himself (i.e. which would be works-righteousness or something similar).

- Indeed, this is a bigger, sneakier problem than we think! Some examples...

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The twofold solution:

[1] An accurate self-assessment, a "sober judgment"

- Not easy.

- "...each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned..." What does this mean?

[2] Every member ministry: recognizing the importance of many different gifts in the body of Christ

- The risk of "tunnel vision"

- The power of multiple gifts and every member ministry