



Bible Study Notes

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Romans 12:3-8

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. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Humility is a characteristic that demonstrates growth in grace.

The more we grow in grace, the more we know we need grace.

The more we grow in wisdom, the more we realize we bring nothing to the table.

1 Corinthians 15:9

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles...

Ephesians 3:8

⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ

1 Timothy 1:15

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

What is Biblical humility?

Taking yourself out of the equation.

"Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself than of other people, nor does it mean having a low opinion of your own gifts. It means freedom from thinking about yourself one way or the other at all."

William Temple



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"True humility is not thinking less of yourself - it's thinking of yourself less."

CS Lewis

James 4:10

¹⁰ *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*

Humility is a proper assessment of the tendencies of our flesh.

Romans 7:18

¹⁸ *For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*

Humility means bowing before God.

Humility involves seeing our need for God.

"Be humble or you'll stumble."

D.L. Moody.

Humility does not mean an inferiority complex.

Meekness is not weakness. It is strength under control.

Humility is not self-bashing to show spirituality.

God wants a relationship with us – a real one.

We should see ourselves through the eyes of faith.

"He knows he is as weak and helpless as God declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto."

AW Tozer

I am who I am because of Whose I am!

Humility will help us grow in grace.



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Prov 3:34

³⁴ "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:7

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The power to be victorious is in submission to God.

Every believer has an important role in the church!

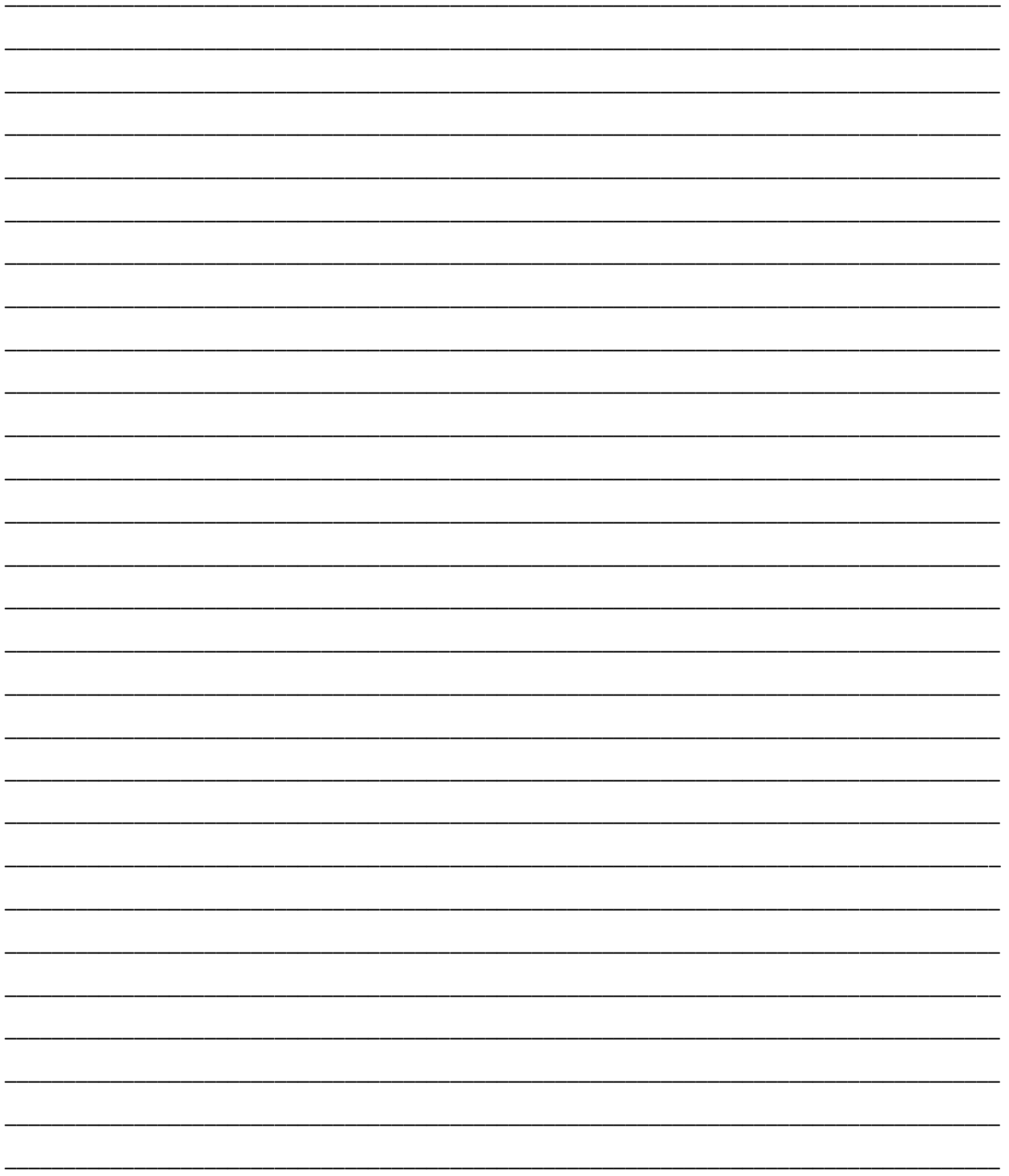
1 Corinthians 1:12-14; 27

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

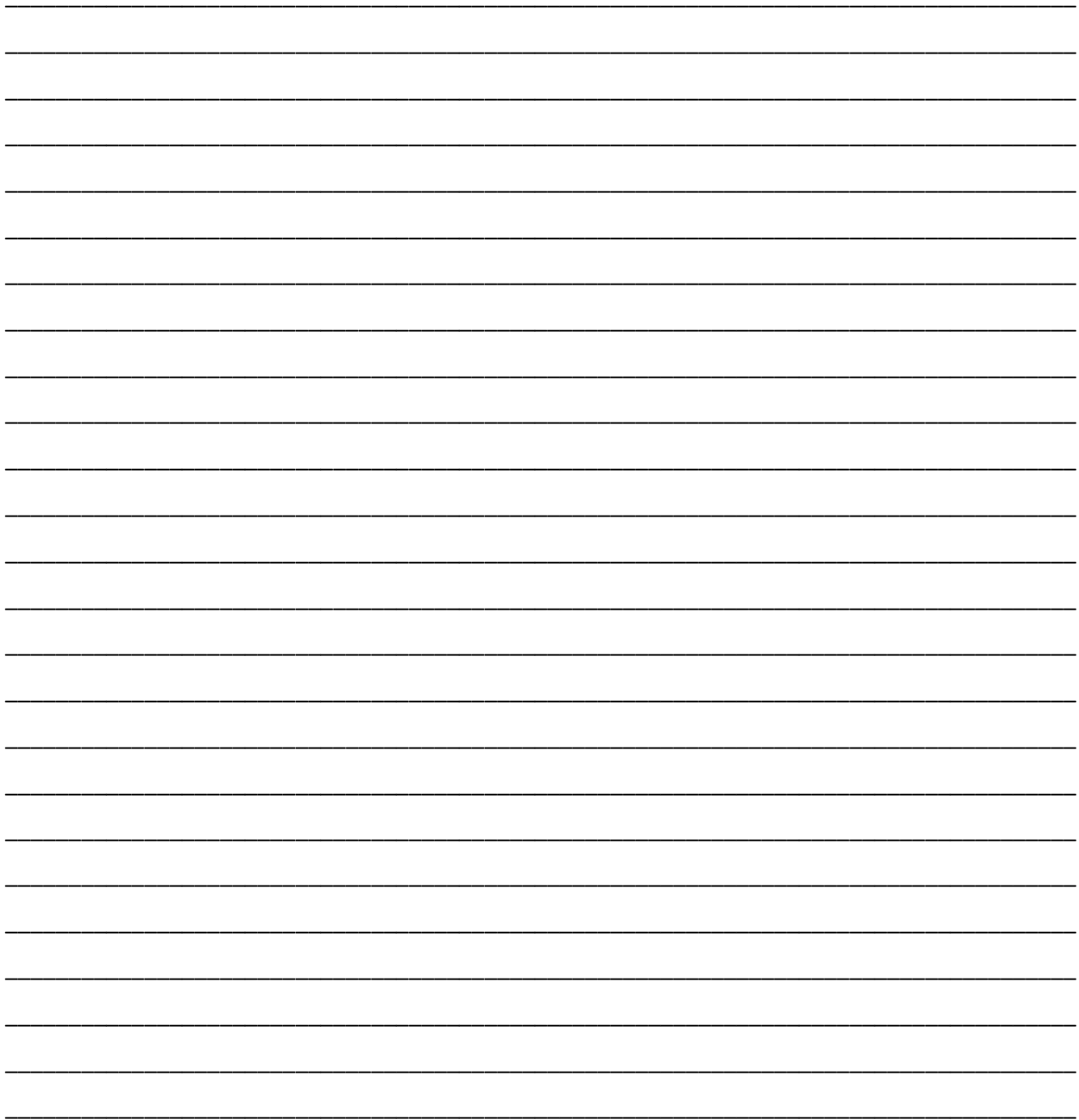
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

The purpose of the spiritual gifts is to benefit the whole church body, and to glorify God - not just to benefit a particular individual.

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