

ROMANS: Living Sacrifices

“Don’t Think of Yourself More Highly Than You Ought to Think”

Romans 12:3

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Introduction

The warnings against pride in the Scripture are loud, clear, and abundant. When Eve took the fruit, it was pride that turned her heart and fueled her desire to be like God. When Cain refused God’s gracious warning to him that *“sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it”* (Gen. 4:7). He would not heed the warning and because of pride he spent the rest of his life on the run.

The book of Proverbs has a wealth of verses on the dangers of pride:

Proverbs 16:5- *“Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished.”*

Proverbs 11:2- *“When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.”*

Proverbs 16:18- *“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”*

Proverbs 29:23- *“One’s pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.”*

Proverbs 6:16-17a- *“There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, ...”*

One of the most powerful statements on the human condition was made by Jesus Himself: *“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person”* (Mark 7:20-23).

In Romans 12:3, our text for this morning, the apostle Paul transitions to Body Life and the use of spiritual gifts. The first thing he emphasizes is the danger of pride upon the ministry of the church.

~Romans 12:3

I. N_____ F_____ the Grace Given to You
(12:3) – “*For by the grace given to me...*”

II. H_____ : One of the Most Noticeable
Signs of Grace in a Believer’s Life.

(12:3) – “*I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment...*”

PRIDE D_____ :

PRIDE B_____ :

RESPONDING TO PRIDE:

III. T_____ Your P_____ in the Body of
Christ, And U_____ Your G_____ for
God’s Glory

(12:3) – *each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

Conclusion

The greatest pride buster of all is the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

~Galatians 6:14