

## Romans 12:3-8 [NKJV]

**3** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

**4** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

**5** so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

**6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

**7** or **ministry**, let us use it in our ministering;

he who **teaches**, in teaching;

**8** he who **exhorts**, in exhortation;

he who **gives**, with liberality;

he who **leads**, with diligence;

he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

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Clarity from other translations:

**PROPHECY** - “inspired utterance” [NEB]; in a prophetic posture/manner.

**MINISTRY** - practical service; on hands serving; acts of serving others; helps.

**EXHORTATION** - encouraging; “stirring speech” [NEB]; “stimulating of the faith of others.”

**LEADING** - administration; organizing; management; ruling; in authority.

## Romans 12:3-9a

### Amplified Bible Translation

**3** For by the grace [of God] given to me I say to everyone of you not to think more highly of himself [and of his importance and ability] than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has apportioned to each a degree of faith [and a purpose designed for service].

**4** For just as in one [physical] body we have many parts, and these parts do not all have the same function *or* special use,

**5** so we, who are many, are [nevertheless just] one body in Christ, and individually [we are] parts one of another [mutually dependent on each other].

**6** Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to use them accordingly*: if [someone has the gift of] prophecy, [let him speak a new message from God to His people] in proportion to the faith *possessed*;

**7** if service, in the act of serving; or he who teaches, in the act of teaching;

**8** or he who encourages, in the act of encouragement; he who gives, with generosity; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy [in caring for others], with cheerfulness.

**9** Love is to be sincere *and* active [the real thing--without guile and hypocrisy].