

## Romans 12:3-8 – Additional Questions

1. Romans can be divided into the theological portion (Chapters 1-11) and the practical application portion (Chapters 12-16). Why do you suppose the Holy Spirit prompted Paul to address how we should view ourselves in the opening words of this entire section of instruction regarding living the Christian life (see 12:3)?
2. What or whom do you believe was the greatest influence on you that shaped your early-life self-image? In what ways do you recognize that perception of yourself changing as you mature spiritually?
3. A portion of the MSG version of Romans 12:3 reads: “The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what He does for us, not by what we are and what we do for Him.” With that in mind, do the following exercise (you may need to use a separate sheet of paper or the back of this page): Make a (partial) list of who God is and what He has done for you, with the corresponding understanding of yourself next to each description of God. For example: God is love and loves me unconditionally ----- Because of Him, I am worthy of His love.
4. Read Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 12:8-10 and 28-30, Ephesians 4:11 and I Peter 4:11 to find all nineteen of the spiritual gifts mentioned in Scripture. What do you identify as your primary spiritual gift? Can you think of a time in the recent past when you recognized that you were enabled by God to exercise that spiritual gift?