

Sunday, 01-28-2024

2023-2024 Winter Quarter
Unit II: Learning about Faith

Lesson 9: Faith and Transformation
Bible Background: Romans 12:3-8
Printed Text: Romans 12:3-8 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Ezekiel 11:17-21

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we are grateful to You for the variety of gifts You have given to the church. We pray that You would provide us with a spirit of discernment so that we might know our gifts and use them to honor and glorify You and to build up the body of Christ. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen

Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – Faith and Transformation – Romans 12:3-8

A. The Unifying Power of Humility (v. 3) – p. 200

- What brings peace and contentment to a community?
- What is the danger of pride and/or false humility? – **Proverbs 16:17-25**
- Does everyone have the same measure of faith? Why or why not? – **Romans 12:6; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18**
- How do I know if my heart is attuned with God's will and character? – **Thu: A Prayer for Transformation – Psalm 51:1-15; Proverbs 3:1-7; Matthew 12:33-37**

B. The Unity of the Body of Christ (vv. 4-5) – pp. 200-201

- Does it matter to me what part of the body I am? – **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**
- Do I only fellowship within my congregation? – **Sat: From Death to Life – 1 John 3:14-24**
- What are the three (3) highlights Paul emphasizes for proper functioning in the church?
- What points to the diversity of God within His church? – **Wed: Be Holy, for God Is Holy – Leviticus 20:22-26**
- Is my body part growing stronger/dying based on its usage? – **Fri: God Breathes New Life – Ezekiel 37:1-14**

C. Different Gifts According to the Grace of God (vv. 6-7) – pp. 201-202

- What are the seven (7) gifts Paul mentions in vv. 6-8?
- Do I know what my gift(s) is/are? Why or why not?
- Can I have more than one (1) gift? – **1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-16**
- Can any of God's gifts be counterfeited? – **Jeremiah 14:14-16; Mark 13:21-23; 1 John 4:1-3**
- What's the source of good teaching? – **2 Corinthians 11:12-15**

D. Gifts that Enrich the Body of Christ (v. 8) – p. 202

- What's the purpose of exhortation?
- What are the two (2) main varieties of gifts according to Paul?
- Can a congregation function if any of God's gifts are missing?