

Think Man, Think!

Romans 12:3

*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 measure of faith God has given you.*

KJV 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:3 For <1063> I say <3004> (5719), through <1223> the grace <5485> given <1325> (5685) unto me <3427>, to every man <3956> that is <5607> (5752) among <1722> you <5213>, not <3361> to think of himself more <3844> highly <5252> (5721) than <3739> he ought <1163> (5748) to think <5426> (5721); but <235> to think <5426> (5721) soberly <1519> <4993> (5721), according as <5613> God <2316> hath dealt <3307> (5656) to every man <1538> the measure <3358> of faith <4102>.

As a man thinks in his heart so is he. - Proverbs 23:7

Paul is talking about our minds and bodies. Both need to be totally surrendered to the lordship of Jesus Christ. Offering God our bodies as living sacrifices, then refusing to be conformed to the thinking of the age, and allowing Christ to transform our thoughts we become more like Jesus.

Philippians 2:5 Let <5426> this mind be <5426> in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Your mind, your thoughts declare what your real priorities are.
How you think or perceive yourself will influence how you serve Jesus Christ.

If you think of yourself as a prince, a king, a regent, courtier, or a court jester, it will influence how you serve and whether you serve Jesus Christ at all. A servant mind is a humble mind. A serve-me mind is a proud mind.

Attitudes of an Un-surrendered Mind and Body

- ?? I'm exempt
- ?? I'm on sabbatical, hiatus
- ?? I'm retired
- ?? I'm too busy, too important, too preoccupied
- ?? My job requires too much of my time.

Not the wil I of God!

There are Two Dangers in a Christian's Thinking

(or self-estimation, self-value)

1. Thinking too highly

Pride, thinking only of being served

2. Thinking too lowly

Low self-esteem, unworthy to serve, unequipped to serve

3. Not Thinking at all

*Ignorance: never think of your value to the body of Christ.
or thinking only of self*

I. Do not think of yourself...more highly

not <3361> to think of himself more <3844> **highly** <5252> (5721) than <3739> he ought <1163> to think <5426> (5721);

One Word not, “think of himself more highly than you ought.”

5426 phroneo *fron-eh'-o* TO THINK

from 5424; v

AV-think 5, regard 4, mind 3, be minded 3, savour 2, be of the same mind+846 2, be like minded+846 2, misc 8; 29

1) to have understanding, be wise

2) to feel, to think

2a) to have an opinion of one's self, think of one's self, to be modest, not let one's opinion (though just) of himself exceed the bounds of modesty

2b) to think or judge what one's opinion is

2c) to be of the same mind i.e. agreed together, cherish the same views, be harmonious

3) to direct one's mind to a thing, to seek, to strive for

3a) to seek one's interest or advantage

3b) to be of one's party, side with him (in public affairs)

5252 huper-phroneo *hoop-er-fron-eh'-o* TO SUPER-THINK

from 5228 and 5426; ;v

AV-think more highly 1; 1

1) to think more highly of one's self than is proper

II. But rather think of yourself...soberly

but <235> to think <5426> (5721) soberly <1519> <4993> (5721)

Soberly

4993 sophroneo *so-fron-eh'-o* (eis - toward, sophroneo = soberly)

from 4998; TDNT-7:1097,1150; v

AV-be in right mind 2, be sober 2, be sober minded 1, soberly 1; 6

1) to be of sound mind

1a) to be in one's right mind

1b) to exercise self control

1b1) to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly

1b2) to curb one's passions

III. Not Thinking At All: Think Realistically

Think of yourself in the body of Christ - life with a purpose, the will of God.

according as <5613> God <2316> has dealt <3307> (5656) to every man <1538> the measure <3358> of faith <4102>.

There is a servant-job (role) for your to do. Just do it!

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Mark 13:34 *For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.*

3307 merizo *mer-id'-zo* (dealt)

from 3313; ;v

AV-divide 9, distribute 2, deal 1, be difference between 1, give part 1; 14

1) to divide

1a) to separate into parts, cut into pieces

1a1) to divide into parties, i.e. be split into factions

1b) to distribute 1b1) a thing among people 1b2) bestow, impart

3358 metron *met'-ron* (measure)

n n AV-measure 13; 13

1) measure, an instrument for measuring

1a) a vessel for receiving and determining the quantity of things, whether dry or liquid

1b) a graduated staff for measuring, a measuring rod

1c) proverbially, the rule or standard of judgment

2) determined extent, portion measured off, measure or limit

2a) the required measure, the due, fit, measure

(ie) Story of animals from John MacArthur
(ie) Jimmy Carter, Sunday School Teacher

I AM A NOBODY

Author: Manasseh Bailey

(An old poem I wrote ages ago-22 December 03

I am a loner.
A tree with no leaves.
A Christmas tree with no decorations.
A sky with no stars.
A beach without sand.
A shell with no decorations.
An angel with no voice
A sunset with no inspiration
A piano with no color or sound
I am a nobody.

A DIARY OF A NOBODY

"Why should I not publish my diary? I have often seen reminiscences of people I have never even heard of, and I fail to see -- because I do not happen to be a 'Somebody' -- why my diary should not be interesting. My only regret is that I did not commence it when I was a youth." – CHARLES POOTER

Eat Worms

We haven't found a midi for the "Worms" song yet, but the tune is similar to the "Polly Wolly Doodle" midi below. But if you know the real tune already, we suggest you sing without starting the music.

Version I:

Nobody likes me, everybody hates me,
Guess I'll go eat worms,
Long, thin, slimy ones; Short, fat, juicy ones,
Itsy, bitsy, fuzzy wuzzy worms.

Down goes the first one, down goes the second one,
Oh how they wiggle and squirm.
Up comes the first one, up comes the second one,
Oh how they wiggle and squirm.

I Hate Myself

I hate myself for living a lie
I hate myself everytime I cry
I hate myself for living in sin
I hate myself again and again

I hate myself for being a fake
I hate myself for every breath I take
I hate myself for giving in
I hate myself again and again

I hate myself for being something I not
I hate myself for trying to look "hot"
I hate myself for the shit I get myself in
I hate myself again and again

I hate myself for trusting
I hate myself for lusting
I hate myself outside and within
I hate myself again and again

Nobody Loves Me

Author: Bill Monroe

Nobody loves me nobody cares
If life is empty and full of tears
I long for new love searched everywhere
Nobody loves me nobody cares

Searchin' for true love has been in vain
Through years my heart has suffered with pain
Life's lonesome burden now I must bear
Nobody loves me nobody cares

Nights on my pillow I dream of you
Through space I gaze at the stars above
They seem to whisper from way up there
Nobody loves me nobody cares

A lonesome heart and a troubled mind
In this old world now is all I find
I look to heaven for I know there
Someone will love me someone will care

(ie) Two Psychologists:

Two psychologists (Comer & Laird, 1975) tried this experiment and found that subjects responded by talking to themselves in one of three basic ways as they contemplated the wiggly worms:

1. "Worms aren't so bad."
2. "I'm tough. I can do it. I'm braver and more adventurous than others."
3. "I deserve it. I should suffer."

If you respond self-critically, as in #3, you surely have a mean internal critic. Similar careful observations of what you say to yourself moment by moment will help you decide how destructive your critic is. For instance, note how you talk yourself into getting up in the morning:

1. "It's going to be a wonderful day! I want to get started."
2. "Oh, God, I've got so much to do today: 1__ 2__ 3__; I'd better get up."
3. "You are such a lazy slob. Get your butt out of here."

Several examples of a **destructive internal critic** will be given later in this method. But, it is important to note that the internal critic is often seen as doing good too. The "self" may, in fact, feel that the internal critic serves many important specific purposes (like getting you up).

God doesn't need me to build myself up in other people's eyes—or in my own. Would I have had the past business successes if I'd spent less time cultivating those impressions? I don't know. But I'm pretty sure God has always known the difference between a professional certification and a college degree, even from across the room.

What I think about myself.

What others think about me.

What God thinks about me.