

Measure Of Faith

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Romans 12:3 (ESV)

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to “the measure of faith” that God has assigned.

We are going to focus on “the measure of faith” that God has assigned us. This is not talking about faith for salvation or faith trusting God in our life situations. **This talking about specific faith given for specific assignments. The word “measure” used here is in the sense of degree. It comes from the Greek word “metron” meaning sphere of influence. This is our sphere of influence or our assignment we have been given designated faith with the accompanying power and authority. **Also, our assignment, the measure of the action to which we are called, has divine boundaries.** Therefore, as Christian’s we should discern and regulate our aspirations in regard to our God given assignment. Based on Chapters 1-8, we have the understanding and capacity to do what God shows us. Plus in Chapter 12, we are urged to present ourselves to God as a living sacrifices. God now in turn gives us an assignment in which we have authority and power. We see this principle applied to the gift of prophesy. We should prophesy only “in proportion to our faith”. This means only in proportion to what God told us or according to our “measure of faith”.**

Romans 12:6 (ESV)

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

God gives every believer an assignment with the portion of faith necessary to accomplish the task. The great Apostle only acted within the area God assigned to him or in the measure of his faith given him.

Acts 16:6 (ESV)

And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

Paul was very aware of his God given assignment. He uses the same word “metron” to describe his assignment.

2 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the “area of influence” God assigned to us.

The area of influence with accompanying authority and power is give with boundaries. When identifying offices within the church, God uses the same word “metron” or “measure” to establish the assignment and the boundaries in which the appointed church officers are to operate.

Ephesians 4:7 (ESV)

Grace was given to each one of us according to the “measure” of Christ’s gift.

God spells out the ministry assignment necessary to equip other believers that enables them to minister to the world around them. Church leaders equip others by enabling them to succeed in their God given assignments.

Ephesians 4:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ And God gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

Everyone needs to understand their assignment. This means we need to understand Chapters 1-8; who we are. Then per Romans 12:1-2, we present our body as living sacrifice to God. We renew our minds testing and discerning the will of God. Then we carry out our assignment with authority and power. Our assignment primarily includes family, church, and work. God gives us the measure of faith necessary to carry out these assignments. But also, we have confidence in every God given assignment and surprise divine encounter God gives us.

Specific assignments: Man got a job as a Janitor so he could minister to quarantined AIDS patients! Lady on death bed concerned that she couldn’t fulfill her ministry of praying every day for the Pastor! Measure of Faith! The following is only representative of God ‘s specific empowerings.

Romans 12:3–8 (ESV) **No Overhead**

³ For by the grace (power and favor) given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think (this means think within your gift and assignment), but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned (or metron, assignment and boundaries based on what God told us). ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace (power and favor) given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Knowing our assignment is important because within our assignment God gives authority and power.

We have these assignments, authority, and power, because:

Romans 4:25 (ESV)

(We believe in Jesus) who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.