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Serving people horizontally is a way of worshiping God vertically

1. Worship was always intended to be an <u>offering</u> of all of you, not just songs you sing

Romans 12:1-2

Micah 6:6-8

A life offered over to God begins with a mind transformed by God

2. God-given faith allows you to think rightly of yourself

Romans 12:3

Humility - thinking <u>accurately</u> about yourself

Without faith none of the gifts can be exercised, and faith is the standard whereby they are to be estimated. If we take this with full seriousness, seeing God as the sole author of the gifts and ourselves as totally dependent on him for them all, it is unlikely that we will be arrogant. Humility proceeds from genuine faith. There is another thought here. When we see that God is the giver of all the gifts and that faith is the measure, we will not deny our own gifts either. Being sober-minded means recognizing what God has given us and being zealous in its use as well as humble.

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3. God-given gifts determine how Jesus' Body functions

Romans 12:4-8

It's not about what you think you should be gifted to do, but how God has gifted you to contribute towards <u>His purposes</u> in a local church like Trinity

As a follower of Jesus, it's not a question of <u>if</u> you have gifts, but simply <u>where</u> will you put them to use in His Body, the Church

Now What?

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