

Thinking About Ourselves

Text: For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

Intro: burnt offering, carried along, thinking about ourselves

I. Paul's Credentials

...through whom [Jesus] we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His Name's sake, (Romans 1:5)

II. Paul's Intended Audience

III. The Temptation

IV. The Solution

Too high

Too low

But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people. (Psalm 22:6)

Then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. (Psalm 73:22)

To himself, every man is, in a sense, the most important person in the world, and it always needs much grace to see what other people are and to keep a sense of moral proportion. --James Denney

Application 1: Start Here

Who is God?

My value

I'm ok

Set free

Improve

Failure

My soul waits in silence for God only; from Him is my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

How long will you assail a man, that you may murder him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; They delight in falsehood; they bless with their mouth, but inwardly they curse. Selah.

My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah. (Psalm 62:1-8)

Application 2: Self-Esteem

The revolution

Using sound judgment

Application 3: Being Useful

Useful in the body of Christ

Useful in a marriage

Useful in a family

Question 1: *What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

Answer: That I am not my own...