

*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. Romans 12:3 (NIV)*

## **Self-Evaluation**

**What do you think about yourself?** What kind of question is that? **It is a very important question.** Why is that an important question? What difference does it make what I think about myself? **You are willing to admit that you do think about yourself?** Yes, of course I think about myself. **How much do you think about yourself?** I'm sure that I think about myself far too often. **Why is that?** I think about myself all the time. **What kind of thoughts do you think about yourself?** I ask myself a lot of questions. **Like what?** I ask myself if I'm having fun. I ask myself if I am enjoying life. I ask myself if I am happy with all the decisions that I have made. I wonder if I will have any regrets. **Do you have any regrets?** I have a lot of regrets. **Why is that?** I have made a lot of dumb mistakes. I have wasted a lot of time. I have gone where I shouldn't have gone. I have said what I shouldn't have said. I have done what I shouldn't have done. **What do you think about yourself and all the mistakes that you have made?** Sometimes, I think of myself as an idiot and a loser. Sometimes, I wallow in my past mistakes and become quite depressed about them. **Do you think that I think you are a loser? Do you think that I wallow in your past mistakes and become quite depressed about them?** Those are very interesting questions. **Why is that?** I'm asking myself why I would allow myself to think thoughts about myself that you certainly don't think about me. **That is a very good question to ask yourself.** **Now, you are beginning to see how important it is to consider what you are thinking about yourself.** Yes, I am.

**What do you think I would like you to do with your thoughts about yourself?** I think you want me to let you guide the thoughts I think about myself. You don't want me to think too highly of myself. You want me to have a humble heart and mind and life. You want me to know that everything that I am and hope to be has and will come to me as a gift from you. **That's right.** You don't want me to think too lowly of myself. You want me to know that I am special. I am your child. You are working in and through my life. The past is gone. You have redeemed and renewed my life. I no longer need to live under any condemnation. I have been forgiven of all my sins and cleansed of all my unrighteousness. **That's right.** You have given me a new life to live in you. I am your workmanship. I am your masterpiece. You will accomplish your purposes and plans in my life. You will help me to know and do your will. **Yes, I will. These are the thoughts that I want you to think about yourself. Hold on to these thoughts as you love, follow and serve me.** Yes Lord, I will.

*Lord, I give you thanks and praise to you because all I am, have done, will do and hope to be has come to me as a gift from you. You have made me who I am. You are molding and shaping my life so that I will be able to do all that you will give me to do for you. Amen*

**Faith** *Measure Of Faith*

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NIV Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Measure Of Faith*

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.

ESV Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Measuring Yourself By The Faith*

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

NLT Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Measure Of Faith*

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

NKJV Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Measure Of Faith*

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

NRSV Romans 12:3

**Faith** *What He Does For Us*

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

MSG Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Degree Of Faith*

For by the grace (unmerited favor of God) given to me I warn everyone among you not to estimate and think of himself more highly than he ought [not to have an exaggerated opinion of his own importance], but to rate his ability with sober judgment, each according to the degree of faith apportioned by God to him.

AMP Romans 12:3

**Faith** *How Much Faith*

As God's messenger I give each of you God's warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you.

TLB Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Measure Of Faith*

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.

NASB Romans 12:3

**Faith** *Amount Of Faith*

Because God has given me a special gift, I have something to say to everyone among you. Do not think you are better than you are. You must decide what you really are by the amount of faith God has given you.

NCV Romans 12:3

# Measure Of Faith

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Faith** – Romans 12:3

**In Context:** *Read Romans 12*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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. Romans 12:3

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I give thanks and praise to you because all I am, have done, will do and hope to be has come to me as a gift from you. You have made me who I am. You are molding and shaping my life so that I will be able to do all that you will give me to do for you. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How do you think about yourself and honestly evaluate who you are and what you have done?

When have you realized that you have had an inflated view of yourself and your accomplishments?

**Where has all you are and all you have done come from in the first place?**

**Who has permission to give you feedback to help you to honestly evaluate yourself?**

When have you attempted too little because you thought too little of yourself?

When have you attempted too much because you thought too much of yourself?

**How has your faith in God helped you to honestly evaluate yourself and your accomplishments?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Give thanks and praise to God for how He has made you and how He is using you to bear fruit for Him.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that all you are, have done, will do, and hope to be has come to you as a gift from God.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your faith in God has helped you to properly evaluate yourself.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you humbly evaluate yourself with the knowledge that everything you have and hope to be comes from Him.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will humbly evaluate myself while knowing that everything I have and hope to be comes from you.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I evaluate myself while knowing that everything thing I have and hope to be comes from you?*

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