

THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR  
THE GRACE BELIEVER

(part 5)

**The Necessity of a  
Proper Self-Opinion**



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*Scripture Reading:*

**Romans 12:1-8, 16  
I Peter 5:5-6**

# REVIEW of 4 previous necessities for the grace-believer:

- To **worship** in spirit and in truth
  - Jn 4:23-24, 1 Thess 5:17
- To **obey** God, rather than ourselves, others
  - Acts 5:29
- To **suffer** (literally “be negatively affected”)
  - Acts 14:21-22, Phil 1:29
- To **support** weak believers (materially)
  - Acts 20:33-35

# Review The Necessity Of Supporting Material Needs of The Saints (Acts 20: 33-35)

With material necessities – I Tim 6:8

Those believers unable to provide for themselves

Those laboring in ministry - III Jn

“True widows” – I Tim 5:3

Not those able, but unwilling to work

Provide support willingly, like the Philippian believers – II Cor 8:1-5

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(Roman 12:3)

- Rom 12:1-2 – Paul’s appeal to prove God’s desirous will
  - 12:3a – Paul’s authority to instruct believers in the will of God – cf vs 6
  - 12:3b – Don’t have “high thoughts” alongside what is necessary to think

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• **12:3b – Don't have “high thoughts” alongside what is necessary to think**

- Focus on personal and worldly exalted opinions that over-ride God's opinions and values
- 12:3c – Therefore focus with a ‘saved mind’ (“soberly” KJV), as God has divided a measure of faith to each believer (for the operation of each one's spiritual gift)
- 12:4-5 The **Body of Christ** has many members, with different functions, BUT they all together are ONE BODY – cf I Cor 12
- 12:6-8 – Different spiritual gifts in this ONE BODY

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- **12:16 Focus on our relationship toward each member in this ONE BODY**

- **Know** our differences, but don't **exalt** our differences

- Don't be focused ("wise" KJV) with yourselves

- **Peter's proper 'self-opinion' – I Pet 5:5-6**

- Be properly "low-minded"

- God will exalt ALL the members of the Body in due time (the Rapture of the Church)

# **CONCLUSION**

**Holding the proper opinion of ourselves as members of the Body of Christ, The Church (Eph 1:22b-23a) is an absolute necessity!**

**Not focusing on our personal opinions, values, and accomplishments – nor the world's values and opinions**

**Focus ALONE on God's evaluation of His Body!**