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Romans 12:3, **“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”**

The Apostle Paul began verse three of Romans 12 by declaring his authority to speak that which he is about to say; **“through the grace given unto me”**. Way too often I have heard folks who thought way to highly of themselves, get on their soapbox and try to tell everyone their opinion of how things ought to be. We used to call such ones *“know it alls”* back in the dark ages of the fifties and sixties. There are, I am sad to say, a few people like that even today. No man or woman should allow pride to creep into their being and cause them to **“think of himself more highly than he ought to think.”** When a man or woman thinks this way, they are always ready to express their opinion on a variety of subjects. If you have a question, just ask them as they have the answer, from politics to religion. I remember such a man one time who attempted to tell me what Primitive Baptist believe concerning Predestination. His concept wasn't even close to what the bible teaches and yet he considered himself an authority on the subject. Paul told the Corinthian brethren in I Corinthians 4:6 for them to **“...learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.”** It is not a godly trait for someone to be **“puffed up”** thinking they know more than others. Paul goes on to say in I Corinthians 8:2, **“And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.”** In the latter part of Romans 12:3, we find some very good admonition our proper and godly attitude of ourselves. We are to **“think soberly”** which means to think clearly, calling upon the Spirit of God to aid us. Our Lord said it all when He said, **“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls”** (Matthew 11:29). So, let us by the grace of God, understand our dependence on our Saviour in all things we set our hands to do. *Think about it!*

