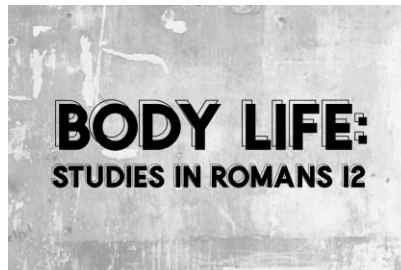


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*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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**Body Life Part 3: The Prerequisite and Proper Mindset for Ministry
Romans 12:2**

Main idea:

An important part of the life we share together in the local church as a family is doing the work of ministry – encouraging and edifying one another and evangelizing the unbelieving. God has specially equipped each believer to share in this work by endowing all with a gift (or gifts), and the appropriate measure of grace to utilize these gifts.

This week and next, we will endeavor to clarify the role of the believer in ministry as a member of the body of Christ. Today we'll learn about the prerequisite for service (worship) and the proper mindset for engaging in ministry. Then, next week, we'll examine the spiritual gifts listed by Paul in vv. 6-8.

Outline:

- 1) The prerequisite for ministry/service: our fully yielded, obedient worship

- 2) The proper mindset for engaging in ministry:
 - We must be humble-minded
 - We must be sober-minded
 - We must be unity-minded
 - We must be single-minded

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 Why is fully yielded, obedient worship the prerequisites for ministering?
- Does one's life as an obedient worshiper tend to authenticate his testimony? In what way?
 - How can our worship of God help prepare us to encourage other believers?
- #2 Why is humble-mindedness so essential to ministry in the local church?
- #3 In the present context (v. 3) what does it mean to be sober-minded?
- Why is it important for believers to evaluate their gifts with modesty?
- #4 Why does effective ministry require us to prize our unity and guard it zealously?
- #5 Examine the gifts listed in v.v. 6-8. Which do you believe the Lord may have given you for the work of ministry?