

Emmanuel Prayer list - June

Volunteers Needed as Staff Plan to Re-boot Many Programs in the Fall

- . Because we can meet again after Covid isolation, many volunteers are needed.
- . Pray about where God is asking you to serve.
- . Awana: midweek kids' program
- . Sunday School during both Worship Services on Sunday
- . Celebrate Recovery leaders
- . Fusion and Surge for pre-teens and teens
- . Welcoming and helping with Communion

Study continued

6. Read John 14:12 and 14:15. These verses say that if we are believer, we will be doing the work of Christ. In fact our obedience demonstrates our love of Christ.
For us to fulfill our role in the body of Christ, and to be using our gifts for the glory of God and in service of others, there are three essentials.
Surrender (Romans 12:1):

Transformation (Romans 12:2):

Obedience (Romans 12:3-8):

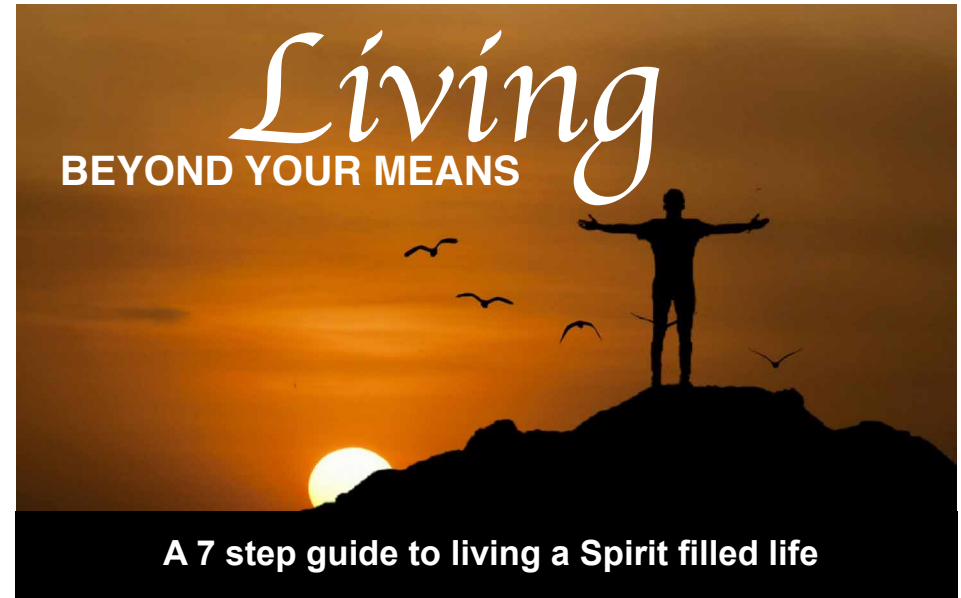
How do these three work together? Why do we have to surrender in order to be transformed? Why do we have to be transformed in order to be obedient? Why do we have to be obedient in order to surrender and be transformed? And how do they all work together in order for us to realise that we are a vital part in the body of Christ?

Less Like Me by Zach Williams

Oh, I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
And miss the moments right before my eyes.

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped,
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself,
Lord, help me be...

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace,
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience, a little more like peace,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.



A study on Romans 12

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| 1. Surrendered | Romans 12:1 |
| 2. Changed | Romans 12:2 |
| 3. Obedient | Romans 12:3-8 |
| 4. Sincere | Romans 12:9-11 |
| 5. Reliant | Romans 12:12 |
| 6. Empathetic | Romans 12:13-16 |
| 7. Peaceful | Romans 12:17-21 |

Living Beyond Your Means - Obedient - Rom 12:3-8

We are part of the _____ and each of us has a role to play.

John 14:5 If you love me, you will _____

A LITTLE MORE LIKE _____, A LITTLE LESS LIKE _____

v.3 Do not think of yourself more _____ than you ought.

One of the basic problems of humanity is...

Zach Williams song: I just can't see past _____

v.4-5 ...we who are many, form _____,

v.5 ...each member _____ to all the others

Ephesians 4:16 From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as...

The body of Christ (1 Cor 12)

MY OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATES MY _____

John 14:12

Gifts of the Holy Spirit from Romans 12:6-8

- _____ -
- _____ -
- _____ -
- _____ -

Also read 1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Eph 4:11-12

Why are these lists of gifts different from each other?

What will limit the effectiveness of the body of Christ in fulfilling Christ's mission?

John 14:15 If you love me, you will _____ what I command.

1. _____ (Rom 12:1)

2. _____ (Rom 12:2)

3. _____ (Rom 12:3-8)

1. In your own words, define what you understand the "body of Christ" to be, as discussed in Romans 12:3-8 and 1 Cor 12:12-27.

Why do you think believers are called the body of Christ?

2. Read Romans 12:3. Why do you think Paul has to say to us, "do not think of yourself more highly than you ought?"

Do you think that some people are more important than others in the church? (Read 1 Cor 12:15-26).

Do you think it's possible that our culture has caused us think differently about our worth, how the church functions, how we should view one another's roles, and value etc.?

3. Read the lyrics to the song, 'Less Like Me,' by Zach Williams (See back cover). I realise that this is just a song, but it points out some area's of our lives that can be a problem. Why can't we see past ourselves? Why do we fail to help those in need? Why do we miss those moments right before our eyes?

4. Make a list all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, as itemised in Romans 12:6-8; 1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30; 1 Peter 4:10-11; and Eph 4:11-12 (Note: those in Ephesians are often thought of as offices in the church rather than gifts). How do you think that God has gifted you? (Note there is a Spiritual gift test that you can take on the Emanuel website at www.emmanuelife.com/spiritualgifts.php)

5. Romans 12:6 says, "We have different gifts according to the grace given us." As a part of the, 'Body of Christ', we have a part to play (Read Eph 4:16). In our physical body, if a "part" is not working the way it should (eg. my heart, foot, eyes etc...) it affects the whole of my body. How do you think it affects the body of Christ (the church) if a "part" isn't doing what it should?

Do you think that your part in the working of the church is important? Why/why not?

What are the possible impacts of someone not doing their part? (Try and think outside the box - the impact on others, how others interact with them, their 'spiritual gift' not in operation etc.) Try to imagine some scenario's.