

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel”

“For I am *not ashamed of the gospel* of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone
who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
For in it the *righteousness of God* is revealed from faith to faith;
as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”

(Romans 1:16,17)

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel”

- I. God’s Righteousness Revealed *Chapters 1–8*
- II. God’s Righteousness Vindicated *Chapters 9–11*
- III. God’s Righteousness Applied *Chapters 12–16*

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III. God’s Righteousness Applied *Chapters 12–16*

A. Service to God: *“A Living Sacrifice”* (Chapter 12)

(1) Consecration for Service (vv 1,2)

(2) Characteristics of Service (vv 3–13)

(3) Confidence in Service (vv 14–21)

(2) Characteristics of Service

(Romans 12:3–13)

3 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.

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

(2) Characteristics of Service

(Romans 12:3–13)

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;
7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;
8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

(2) Characteristics of Service

(Romans 12:3–13)

- 9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- 10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
- 11** not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 12** rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
- 13** distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

1. *Self-Appraised*

3 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.

2. *People–Directed*

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

3. *Gifts–Based*

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4. *Love–Driven*

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(2) Characteristics of Service

(Romans 12:3–13)

1. Self–Appraised

Humility and Honesty

2. People–Directed

Growth and Maturity

3. Gifts–Based

God’s Empowerment

4. Love–Driven

Pure Motives

(2) Characteristics of Service

(Romans 12:3–13)

“Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

(Matthew 20:26–28)