

## Gifts of Grace

Week 3 - Humility: The Essential Ingredient

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**Main Point:** Christ-like humility is the essential ingredient that fuels unity and kingdom advancement in His church

*Romans 12:3-5*

### 1. Humility is what we need

*Romans 12:3, Mark 9:33-37, Matthew 18:3-4, James 4:6*

“What is wrong is the tendency to have a false evaluation of ourselves. Nothing causes more damage in a local church than a believer who overrates himself and tries to perform a ministry that he cannot do. Sometimes the opposite is true, and people undervalue themselves. Both attitudes are wrong.”

Warren Weirsbe

Humility is the essential requirement for usefulness in the kingdom of God

“Nothing is more distasteful to God than self-conceit. This first and fundamental sin in essence aims at enthroning self at the expense of God. Pride is a sin of whose presence its victim is least conscious.”

- J. Oswald Sanders

### 2. Division is our temptation

*Romans 12:4, 1 Corinthians 12:14-26, Romans 12:14-18*

“We are one body with many members and the members do not have the same function”

- Each member has a unique place in the body
- God arranges the function of each member as He chooses
- No one member is greater in value or function than any other member
- God has ordered His body in such a way that there would be no division among us
- As interdependent members of Christ’s body we should seek to care for one another

### 3. Unity is God’s design

*Romans 12:5, John 17:9-11, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13a*

“Union has an affiliation with others but no common bond that makes them one in heart. Uniformity has everyone looking and thinking alike. Unanimity is complete agreement across the board. Unity, however, refers to a oneness of heart, a similarity of purpose, and an agreement on major points of doctrine.”

- Charles Swindoll