

**WHEN YOU THINK
YOU'RE GOD'S GIFT**





“It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant.” Matt. 20:26

**“...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Matt. 20:28**

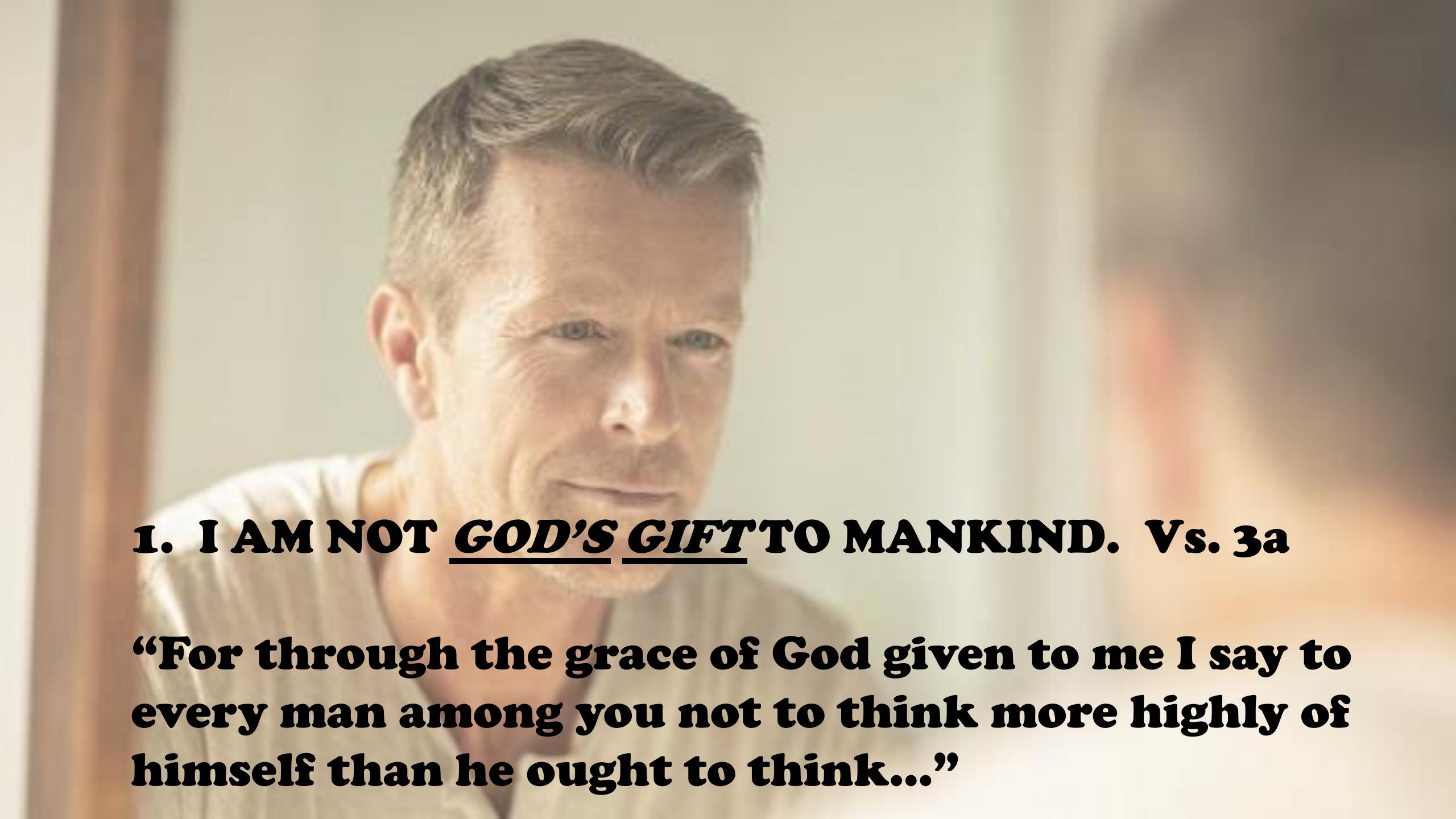
**“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do no merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Phil. 2:3-4**

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty things raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Cor. 10:3-5

“When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, is with you.”

Deut. 20:1

IT IS THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH INFORMS ME:



1. I AM NOT GOD'S GIFT TO MANKIND. Vs. 3a

“For through the grace of God given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think...”

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.” Titus 2:11-13

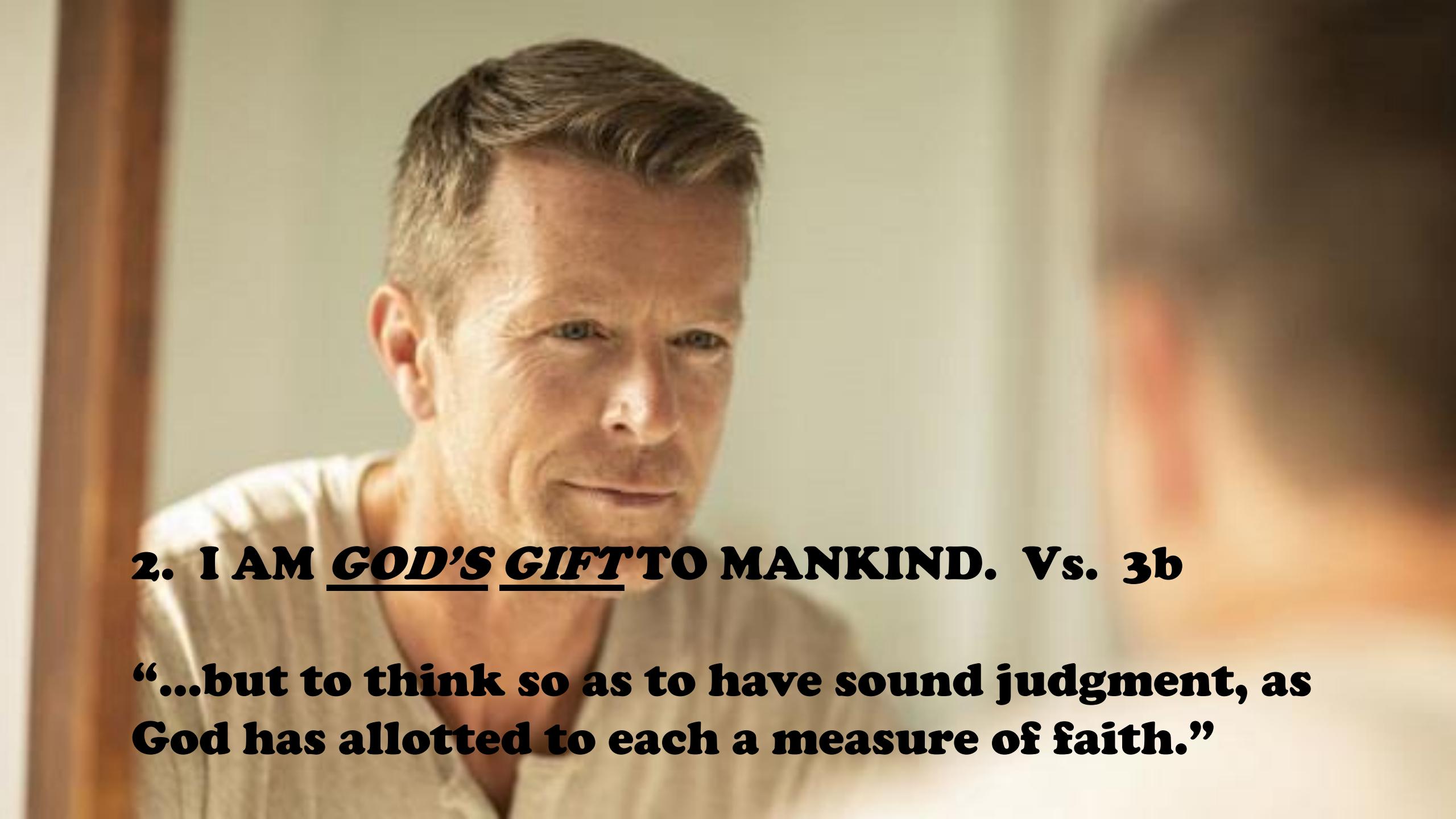
**“Therefore let him who
thinks he stands take heed
lest he fall.” 1 Cor. 10:12**



“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.” Prov. 16:18

“You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but give grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.”

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NLT)



2. I AM GOD'S GIFT TO MANKIND. Vs. 3b

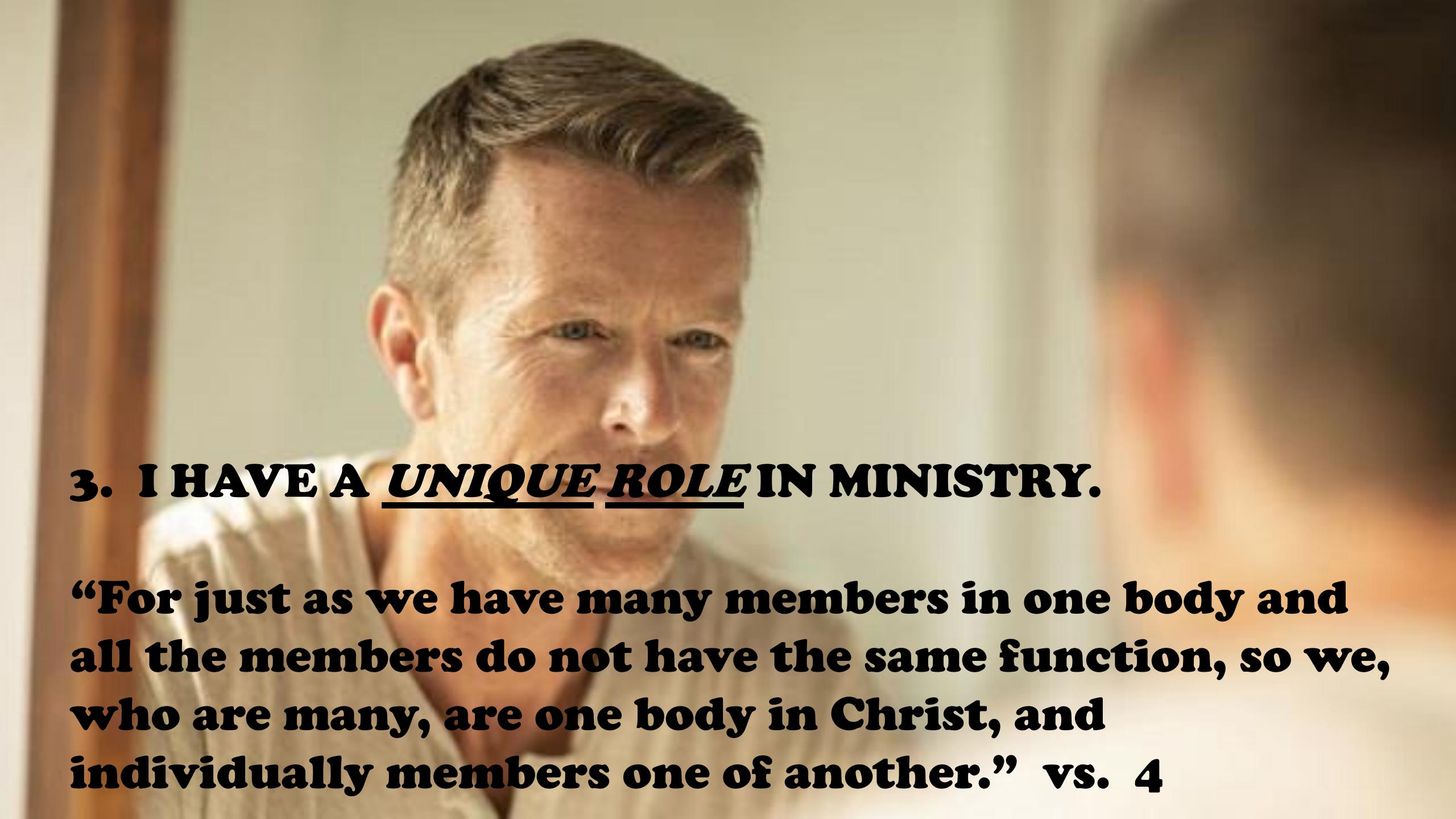
“...but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

When I realize:

- A. Everything I have is from Him.**
- B. How weak and needy I am.**
- C. That it is only by His Spirit that I will find success.**
- D. That I am dependent upon others in the Body of Christ.**

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place...to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?” 2 Cor. 2:14,16

“Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.” 2 Cor. 3:5



3. I HAVE A UNIQUE ROLE IN MINISTRY.

“For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” vs. 4

APPLICATION FOR ME:

If you think:

You can accomplish ministry on your own.

“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

You have nothing to offer.

“The eye can never say to the hand, ‘I don’t need you.’ The head can’t say to the feet, ‘I don’t need you.’ In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.” 1 Cor. 12:21-22 (NLT)

Someone else can do what God has designed for you.

“God did this so that our body would not be divided. God wanted the different parts to care the same for each other.” 1 Cor. 12:25 (ICB)

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