



Calling from Above, Not My Worldly Status!

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Who Am I?

What God Says

Biblical and Blessed!

I am a pleasing and God honoring offering (All of me)

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 4:14-16

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

I am a valuable and needed part of God's body

1 Corinthians 12:12-14

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Romans 12:3-5

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance

with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

I am gifted by God, and I add to His divine movement in this world

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Romans 12:6-8

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

I am a source of unity and blessing to others

1 Corinthians 12:25-26

so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Ephesians 4:22-24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**What the World Says
Confused and Corrupted**

Your value is based on your most recent accomplishment!

Your worth is directly connected to your net worth

Your life is a brief and flickering flame that will soon burn out.

How should I view myself and others?

Understand and Embrace!

We can bring delight and joy to the heart of the God who made us!

We have something of [eternal value](#) to add to God's [Church](#)

Our God-given [gifts](#) can [change](#) this world

How Should My Perspective Impact My Pathway?

Learn and Live!

I should offer my [whole self](#) to God every day of my life as I get [ready](#) for [eternity](#)

I can value and love [members](#) of God's [family](#) because we are [related forever](#)

I need to [discover](#), [develop](#), and [deploy](#) my spiritual gifts

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