

# Who Am I, Lord?

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 12:3-8.

B. Ways to stop being conformed to the world

1. Stop doing things that those do around you.

2. Start doing things that others do not do such as loving your neighbor.

C. To stop being conformed, the mind must be renewed.

## II. One must think of himself appropriately.

A. A person must begin by thinking about himself.

B. One must not think highly of himself.

C. There is a certain way one ought to feel about himself.

1. It is not according to feelings.

2. Feelings are not wrong; one is simply not to base his self-evaluation on them.

3. One is to base his evaluation on God's thoughts.

D. One is to think soberly about himself because we are all are fallen.

E. One is to think to the degree of what God has said about him.

F. One can always win because of God's grace.

G. We have a purpose, which gives us confidence without conceit.

## III. One must think of his gifts appropriately.

A. The church is one, but it has many important parts, of which we are a part.

1. Each member of the church belongs to one another.

2. We should get along with each other simply because we belong to one another.

B. A gift is something given to use in contribution to the church--it is something that makes life exciting and fulfilling for us.

C. The gifts.

1. Prophecy, which explains revelation.
2. Teaching, this instructs the mind.
3. Encouragement.
4. Giving, this is having a desire to give what God has given a person.
5. Mercy, which is help for those who have been neglected.

D. The gifts are for either speaking or serving.

**Application questions:**

1. How would you describe humility in light of the message?

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2. Why is thinking about oneself correctly a necessary first step for transformation?

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3. What are some new ways that you can creatively use your gift to serve the body? Explain.

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