

## “Our Corporate Response to the Gospel”

Romans 12:3-8

**Intro:** We often think about a personal response to the gospel as being all there is. We live in a very individual oriented world, with most of us being very independent in our thinking. We don't like to have to rely on others, and we sometimes get uncomfortable with the idea of others relying on us. But because of the truth of the gospel, Paul tells us some very important things about how we function together.

### I. Our attitude - \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

- Level headed: not too \_\_\_\_\_, not too \_\_\_\_\_.
- According to the measure of faith
  - No \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_
- It's not what we \_\_\_\_\_, it's the \_\_\_\_\_ that matters.
- Ie. Steel worker, bricklayer, and janitor at ESB.

### II. Our office - \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

- All functions are \_\_\_\_\_
- Ie. Quadruple legic

### III. Our obligation - \_\_\_\_\_ (6-8)

- We don't \_\_\_\_\_ without every member.
- Others can't be at their \_\_\_\_\_ if they are doing our \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Our expectation - \_\_\_\_\_ (6-8)

- The prophet needed a \_\_\_\_\_ record.
- Each member must \_\_\_\_\_ their gift.
- We are to evaluate our \_\_\_\_\_

### V. Our motivation - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

- Phil. 2:3-4 – Valuing other \_\_\_\_\_ us!
- We are \_\_\_\_\_ of one another.
  - A lack in your life \_\_\_\_\_ me
  - A blessing in your life \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- We are in the same \_\_\_\_\_
  - If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I suffer

**Conclusion** – We may not like relying on each other at times, but God has designed the body so that our needs are met as we all exercise our gifts. Each member not using their gifts slows down and literally cripples the work of the body. We must each serve, with humility, with excellence and in love for the body to be the healthy organism God made it to be.

## “Rest, Release and Return”

### Lessons from the Sabbath – Leviticus 25

Intro: The weekly Sabbath is only part of God’s plan for Sabbath rest in Israel. God’s Sabbaths provide ample learning opportunities, even for us today.

I. A Sabbath points to \_\_\_\_\_ in labor (1-3)

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Invest your labor
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Protect your investment
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Reap your reward
- Reminder of our responsibility
  - Idea of the Lord helps those that help themselves.

II. A Sabbath provides \_\_\_\_\_ from labor (4)

- God’s gift – release from our toiling.

III. A Sabbath returns our \_\_\_\_\_ to God (5-7)

- His \_\_\_\_\_ - Where does it come from?
- His \_\_\_\_\_ - do we trust him?
  - Vs. 18-22 – His promise to provide

IV. A Sabbath \_\_\_\_\_ our faith (8-12)

- \_\_\_\_\_ years of trust
- For many a once in a \_\_\_\_\_ occurrence.

V. A Sabbath reminds of \_\_\_\_\_ (13-17)

- Land was \_\_\_\_\_ the 50<sup>th</sup> year.
- Vs. 23-24 – Pictures two important truths:
  - God’s Kingdom is not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Nothing is past \_\_\_\_\_

## Romans

Intro:

- I. Humility, high, low, pride, discouragement, do, end.
- II. Varied, needed
- III. Service, grow, best, service
- IV. Excellence, 100%, focus, service
- V. Love, dependence, benefits, members, hurts, helps, body, injure

Conclusion:

## Leviticus

Intro:

- I. Diligence, Sow, prune, gather
- II. Rest
- III. Focus, provision, direction
- IV. Challenges, two, lifetime
- V. Forgiveness, released, Physical, redemption

Conclusion: