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I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Key Idea

It is the responsibility of each individual member of the body of Christ to exercise the grace and faith given them by God with sound judgment, in meaningful community with the people of God, and for the benefit of the body.

Each member of the body of Christ is expected to exercise sound judgment, rather than overestimating oneself.

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Matthew 19:10-12 (ESV)

The disciples said to him, “If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry.” But he said to them, “**Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given.** For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. **Let the one who is able to receive this receive it.**”

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Each member of the body of Christ is expected to exercise the gifts he or she has been given by God, for the benefit of the body.

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