

Devotional: Tuesday Evening

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 12:3.
- B. We must allow our minds to begin to be transformed.
- C. Biblical literacy is a significant challenge in the church today.
- D. We need to consider ourselves before others so that ultimately others come out on top.

II. Only by saving yourself will you be able to save others.

A. You must look to learn about yourself before you can look to others.

B. What to learn about yourself.

1. Think with sober judgment in what you think.

a. There is a tendency to look only at the positive. Some become boastful braggarts.

b. There are people who continually put themselves down. This is really a matter of veiled pride.

c. We ought to look at ourselves realistically.

d. Gratitude is the solution—the chief ingredient of joy.

e. Think with sober judgment—we all have a sinful nature and there is no exception.

2. Think about yourself according to your measure of faith.

a. This emphasizes what God has done.

b. You no longer are what you once were if you believe in Jesus.

c. We must have a sense of significance—God met our sense of worth for us. (Luke 10)

d. We have God's identity as new creatures in Christ.

e. We need to think about ourselves as God thinks about us.

Application questions:

1. How do people fail to think of themselves soberly? Why is this prideful on both accounts?

2. What does it mean to think about ourselves from God's viewpoint? Explain.

3. How have you struggled with security in your own self-worth? How does the message address this significant problem in our culture today?
