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The Profile of an r12 Disciple is ...

SURRENDERED TO GOD (Romans 12:1)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD (Romans 12:2)

Do not conform any longer 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.

SOBER IN SELF-ASSESSMENT (Romans 12:3-8)

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 measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

SERVING IN LOVE (Romans 12:9-13)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

SUPERNATURALLY RESPONDING TO EVIL WITH GOOD (Romans 12:14-21)

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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Romans 12:3

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Our view of self is often skewed to one extreme or another

1. Too high a view of self

He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Exodus 2:12

2. Too low a view of self

a.) I'm the wrong person

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11

God's reply:

b.) I don't have all the answers

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" Exodus 3:13

God's reply:

c.) I may not have their respect

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" Exodus 4:1

God's reply:

d.) I'm not gifted

But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since You have spoken to Your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Exodus 4:10

God's reply:

An invitation to freedom

... think with sober judgment... Romans 12:3

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 1 Corinthians 4:3-4

And behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning more about how to become a Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Talking to church leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signing up for (events / class / care group) | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Sharing a comment with the church leaders

Today I attended the service at:

- 9.30am 11.30am 5pm

On the:

- 1st Floor 2nd Floor

TELL US ABOUT YOU

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Do you have a praise item or a prayer request? Do you want to learn more about how you can get connected at Island ECC? Please take a moment to complete **both** sides of this form and place it in the offering bag, or at a designated box on the 1st or 2nd floor.

Name

Mobile Number

Email

Praise / Prayer

- If my praise / prayer request is shared publicly with the congregation at a Sunday service, please keep my name anonymous.