

## Thinking ~ Moderated by the Word of God

What are you thinking?!

The Bible Minded are to think as the LORD has instructed that we ought to think. Certainly, we know we should not be highminded, which according to the Greek translation means to be lofty minded: arrogant, egotistical, superior, proud, haughty, and bigheaded. If we fear the LORD, who is above all, then how much more should we not be Highminded?

### Romans 11

<sup>20</sup> Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not **highminded**, but **fear**:

Thus, according as we fear God and according to His Word in Scriptures, we should be careful that we do not think more highly of ourselves than we should.

### Romans 12

<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think**; but to **think soberly**, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Highly - [NT:5252](#) ὑπερφρονέω **hyperphroneo** (hoop-er-fron-eh'-o); from [NT:5228](#) and [NT:5426](#); to esteem oneself overmuch, i.e. be vain or arrogant: **KJV** - think more highly.

Soberly - [NT:4993](#) σωφρονέω **sophroneo** (so-fron-eh'-o); from [NT:4998](#); to be of sound mind, i.e. sane, (figuratively) moderate [reasonable modest sensible restrained judicious]: **KJV** - be in right mind, be sober (minded), soberly.

We are cautioned to beware of our own self esteem. Wherefore, in fact, we should be thinking to esteem others more than ourselves. It is a selfless love for others that identifies us with all the saints whom God has called unto His glory. We are to esteem others with lowliness of mind, i.e., with modestly and humility (humbleness) and meekness.

### Philippians 2

<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in **lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.

Lowliness of mind - [NT:5012](#) ταπεινοφροσύνη **tapeinophrosune** (tap-i-nof-ros-oo'-nay); from a compound of [NT:5011](#) and the base of [NT:5424](#); humiliation of mind, i.e. modesty:

**KJV** - humbleness of mind, humility (of mind, loneliness (of mind)).

With gentleness, we should care for the needs of others, especially as we consider what the LORD has done for us.

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Furthermore, the LORD has even identified those whom we should esteem as those among the saints who do labour in the work of the LORD. Our esteem should be directed toward the saints who labor in ministry including those who are over us or who admonish us. It is very clear that we should esteem them not for themselves. It is for the LORD's sake that we esteem them for the work, which the LORD is doing through them in any aspect of His divine ministry.

### 1 Thessalonians 5

<sup>12</sup> And we beseech you, brethren, to **know them which labour among you**, and are **over you** in the Lord, and **admonish you**;

<sup>13</sup> And to **esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake**. And **be at peace** among yourselves.

<sup>14</sup> Now **we exhort you**, brethren, **warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men**.

It is becoming of the saints always to act appropriately according to the admonition of the LORD so that we always esteem those who are mild mannered and gentle as a lamb toward one another.

### Philippians 4

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

<sup>5</sup> **Let your moderation be known unto all men**. The Lord is at hand.

Moderation - [NT:1933](#) ἐπιεικής **epieikes** (ep-ee-i-kace'); from [NT:1909](#) and [NT:1503](#); appropriate, i.e. (by implication) mild:

**KJV** - gentle, moderation, patient.

Therefore, the Bible Minded, for the glory of God, are humbled before the LORD and do always think to esteem others who are saints that labor to do the will of the LORD in Word and Works. Amen

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