

PITFALLS OF SPIRITUAL PRIDE

ROMANS 12:3-8

I. MANIFESTATIONS OF SPIRITUAL PRIDE [12:3]

- A. BEWARE OF SELF DECEPTION OR DEPRECATION
[3 JN.9; PHIL.2:3-5; 1 COR.12:7]
- B. BEWARE OF DEFENSIVENESS IN SELF-ASSESSMENT
[ROM.12:3C; EPH.2:8-9; 1 COR.15:10]

II. METAPHORICAL USE OF THE BODY TO ILLUSTRATE UNITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH [12:4-5]

- A. ANALOGY OF THE HUMAN BODY FUNCTIONING AS
INDIVIDUAL PARTS
[12:4-5; 1 COR.12:14-26]
- B. MUTUAL DEPENDENCE BY BELIEVERS FOR CHURCH
EDIFICATION
[12:5B; ROM.8:9; 1 COR.12:4-11]

III. MOBILIZATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH [12:6-8]

- A. THE CALL TO SERVE
[12:6]
- B. THE POSTURE IN SERVICE
[12:6B-8A; 1 COR.12:28-31; EPH.4:11-12]