Let Us Use Our Spiritual Gifts in Proportion to Our Faith

Romans 12:3-8

Key verse 6b "... Let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith."

- 1. How does the "for" in verse 3 connect this passage with verses 1-2? What does Paul tell each of us to do before we use our different spiritual gifts (3a)? Why is proper thinking (mindset) of ourselves necessary and prior to all other things? (cf. Ro 12:2; Prb 4:23) How does Paul show his example in this (3a, 6a)?
- 2. What are the three specific ways in correctly thinking of ourselves (3b)? Why do we tend to think of ourselves highly? How can we have sober judgement? What does it mean "according to the measure of faith"?
- 3. How should each of us consider others with different spiritual gifts (4-5)? How should we all consider our gifts before we use them (6a)?
- 4. Read verse 6b. What does Paul exhort us to do? Why is it important to use our spiritual gifts wisely and actively? (cf. Ro 12:1; Mt 25:14-30; Eph 4:12-13)
- 5. What are the spiritual gifts Paul mentions in verses 6b-8? What is the general principle in using them (6b)? What specific details are added in the ways of using the gifts of prophecy, contribution, leading and mercy? And why? What spiritual gift or gifts have you received? And how have you used them?