

total body. It is not simply that we are members of the body in the general sense but that we are members one of another in a particular sense. The servant role is one that has immediate effect on the total well-being of the whole organism. If you do not see yourself this way you are forgetting the position the believer holds as "servant."

2. The Character of the practice of the servant.

These too, may be gleaned from the conduct which is prescribed in Romans 12. We might add that there is a "ton" of this sort of material in the New Testament and this passage summarizes it, in the mind of this writer, to a fine degree.

a. Discharge of Particular Duty (Romans 12:5-8). These verses are clear in that the servant should do what he is gifted and called to do. He has no responsibility beyond the immediate call of God for the exercise of his gift..but he is called and expected to do that. Determining the gift is something of another matter (for another discussion) but every member of the body is gifted to aid in the health and strength of the group. It is thought that the individual believer, in consultation with other Christians and in attempted exercise, will be able to discover the means whereby he can help the body. Suffice it to say that if you are doing nothing, you are not taking the servant practice seriously for the fellowship.

b. Maintenance of positive attitude (Romans 12:9 ff) In particular an attitude of love, humility, and faithfulness. This is a very important part of the servant ministry as the practice will be determined by the attitude in much of its fulfillment and success. Vs. 16, in particular, should be much studied for our fellowship today.

c. Movement in trust (Romans 12:17 ff)
And this is why we do not have to take personal