

## *Sermon Notes*

### *City on a Hill: Romans 12*

“Thinking Properly About Yourself” – Romans 12:3

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The Text

1. Romans 12:3

##### B. Introductory story

1. Outline of Romans 12

- a. The Christian’s relationship to God, vs. 1-2.
- b. The Christian’s relationship to the church, vs. 3-13.
- c. The Christian’s relationship to a hostile world, vs. 14-21.

#### II. Exposition

A. Paul uses a form of the same Greek word 4 times in 12:3.

1. To “think” and “sound judgment.” The Greek word means “to make a right estimate.”

2. Paul’s remarks are contrary to modern culture.

a. John Calvin

B. There are two common pitfalls

1. Thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought to think.

a. Remains strong within our nature.  
Proverbs 6:16-19; I Peter 5:5

b. This is a sin that is alive and well within the church.

c. Paul also wrote to Corinth – I Corinthians 1:26-29.

d. The writer to Hebrews puts the same concern in positive terms – Hebrews 10:24-25.

2. Thinking too lowly of ourselves.

a. Examples

b. What about people with low self-esteem?

1. They need to meditate on who they are in Christ and not how great a human being they really are.

C. I’m stuck on me.

1. Narcissism

2. I caught

a. II Timothy 3:2

3. JFK

4. Paul’s concern

Galatians 6:3; I Timothy 1:12-16

D. Right estimation of self

1. Matthew 5:3

#### III. Points for Reflection

A. Beware of pride. It is a part of our fallen nature that still holds residence within us.

B. We must be concerned with the exaltation of Christ and not ourselves.

C. The most helpful shot in the arm we need is from God’s word.