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Big Purses & Bulging Backpacks?

(Are you sober right here; right now)
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“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather ***think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*** Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members **do not all have the same function,**” (Romans 12:2-4 NIV)

The Truths We Don't Talk About

Everyone is **not** created **equal**.

“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. **Are you not much more valuable than they?**” (Matthew 6:26 NIV)

We don't have the **same calling**.

“But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this? **Does not the potter have the right** to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?’” (Romans 9:20-21 NIV)

God requires **more of some** than others.

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” (1 Cor 4:2 NIV)

The 3 Goals of a Well-Lived Life

To live well doing work for which I have **a passion** and at which I can **excel**.

To love **my tribe** well.

To have a life of **inner peace** in the gaps.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV)

A Super Sober Self-Assessment

What is my true **calling**?

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position **for such a time as this?**” (Esther 4:14 NIV)

What are my top **3 gifts**; **in order**.

What is my **measure of faith**?

“‘If you can?’ said Jesus. **‘Everything is possible for him who believes.’** Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!’” (Mark 9:23-24 NIV)