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Systems: What Makes Us Function Properly

#2 in the Series — Romans 12:3-10

Body Systems: *Cooperative Relationships for Proper Function*

Reality: *Knowing Our Limitations* (verse 3)

Functionality: *Carrying Out Our Designed Intention* (vv.4-5)

Synergy: *Loving & Honoring Others*

Romans 12:3-10

³ For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.