

Human Imperfection

Ecclesiastes 7:20



Should Produce Meekness

- Our sin leaves us in an undesirable position before God – Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- We should acknowledge our sin
 - We must seek God's forgiveness – Lk. 11:4
 - We should not try to hide our sin – Psa. 69:5; 2 Sam. 12:4-7
 - We should know the same condemnation applies to us and confess our sins – 1 Jn. 9

Should Help Us See Others' Sin Differently

- We must be willing to acknowledge our sins – 1 Jn. 1:10
 - We cannot condone in ourselves what we condemn in others – Mt. 7:1-3, 5
 - Judgment of sin must begin with us – 2 Cor. 13:5
 - Without showing grace to others, God will not show us grace – Mt. 6:14-15
- We must not take the wrong view of sin – Rom. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:1-2
- We must follow Christ and show compassion and mercy as we help them overcome sin – Heb. 2:17-18

Should Help Us Not Think Too Highly of Others

- We cannot connect our faith in Christ to the actions of others
 - Only Jesus was perfect – Heb. 4:15
 - Human can be blameless, but not perfect – Lk. 1:6; 1 Cor. 1:8, 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17
- We must put our faith in Christ alone – 1 Cor. 2:5

- We, like Paul, should acknowledge God's grace – Eph. 2:4-8; Titus 2:11-14
- Paul knew well his own imperfections – 1 Cor. 15:9-10
- There is no room for pride – 1 Cor. 4:6-7; 1:31

Should Make
Us Depend
More On
Jesus and His
Grace

Should
Cause Us To
Cultivate...

- **Vigilance** in guarding our walk – Rom. 13:13-14
- **Confidence** and avoid despair – Heb. 4:14-16
- **Endurance** to finish the race
 - Winning athletes know their weaknesses and work to overcome them – 1 Cor. 9:24-27
 - Salvation depends on faith that endures and obeys – Heb. 10:36-38
 - We must keep our eye on the prize – 2 Tim. 4:6-8