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Romans 12:16, **“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.”**

“Be of the same mind” is about as plain a language that can be stated. To the Philippian brethren, Paul in 2:2 said, **“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”** There are other references which could be quoted, but the question is *“What mind are we to be likeminded about?”* Simply put, we are to have the mind of Christ. Next question is *“how do we have this mind of Christ.”* I Corinthians 2:16 tells us, **“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.”** Paul is telling these brethren that he and the other disciples of Christ possessed this **“mind of Christ”** because of their faith in His truths. They had the **“mind of Christ”** because the Lord had born them again of His Spirit. The “New Birth” instills within us the ability to know and learn more about our Lord. Once we have this “new nature” given by God’s Spirit, then we are to **“put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof”** (Romans 13:14). God’s people are to be **“like minded”** toward one another concerning the truths of God’s word, giving Him all the praise, honor and glory which He alone is due.

Paul then says, **“Mind not high things”**. There are those going about who profess to have all the answers. Their “vain babblings”, accord to II Timothy 2:26, will only **“increase unto more ungodliness.”** To **“condescend to men of low estate”** means to be as the publican who, **“standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner”** (Luke 18:13). Then, we read why we are to **“mind not high things”**. Luke 18:14 says, **“...for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”**

So, let us strive to not be wise in our own conceits, but rather **“put on the Lord Jesus Christ”** and be of one accord with those who are **“likeminded”**. Think About It!