

People of the Margins

WORK YOUR FIELD

“When you harvest the crops of **your land**, do not harvest the grain along the edges of **your fields**, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. It is the same with **your grape crop**—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19: 9 NLT

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing **certain things well.**

Romans 12: 3-6 NLT

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part** does its own **special work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4: 16 NLT

Be honest in how I see myself.

I can't confuse what I excel at with *what I wish I*
could excel at.

What has God given me faith for?

I belong to you, and you belong to me.

As a result...“when I do my special part, I help you grow.”

Whatever my strength is...I will do it, and do it well.

When I work **your field**, I encroach on your gift.

When I work **your field**, I neglect mine.

When I work **my field** – it encourages you
and allows you to work your gift.

When I work **my field**, it flourishes.

I don't have to apologize for doing what brings me life and feels good. Those are indicators that I am working my field.

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