



How To Be A Good And Faithful Servant (Part 4)

Romans 16:1-27

#24 in a series on Romans

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Part 1, 1:1-17, November 14, 2021

Part 2, 1:1-17, November 21, 2021

Part 3, 15:14-33, June 12, 2022

Theme: **Good and faithful service flows through partnerships.**

Partnerships that value each other.

1. Value the relationship. (1-16, 21-23)
2. Value the ministry.
(1, 2, 3-4, 6, 12, 21-23; see also 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:10; 1 Timothy 5:17)

Partnerships that protect truth and unity.

1. Loving unity and doctrinal purity are partners. (17; see also Psalm 85:10; Ephesians 4:15)
2. Protecting each other from disunity and falsehood. (17-20; cf. Galatians 1:6-9; 2 John 7-11)

Partnerships that rely on God and give glory to Him.

1. Rely on God to establish you and your partners.
(25-27; see also 1 Corinthians 1:8; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Ephesians 3:20-21; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 5:10; Jude 24)
2. Give glory to God.
(27; see also 11:36; 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 3:21; Philippians 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:17)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we considered the truth that good and faithful service flows through partnerships. Read 16:1-27 noting and then listing the words and points that speak about ministry being a partnership with other believers. Do you see yourself as a partner with others in serving God? If so, in what ways? If not, why not?

Tuesday. Partnerships that are channels of good and faithful service are those where the people value each other. Think about your relationships and ministry with others in our church and elsewhere. How do you value them? List some specific attitudes and actions that demonstrate how you value them. When was the last time you told them that you value, appreciate and are praying for them?

Wednesday. Part of living and serving together is protecting both truth and unity. Read 16:17-20 and the other verses listed in the outline taking time to soak in and think about the strong points they make. The relationship of purity and unity, truth and love, is a God-designed tension to keep us in balance. Paul's focus here is on truth. Can you think of specific times, points and people where you did not protect God's truth out of a desire for unity? If so, why?

Thursday. Good and faithful service flows through relationships that rely on and give glory to God. Read Paul's statement of this in the closing lines, verses 25-27.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to begin a new series on Elijah. Read 1 Kings chapters 17–19 and 2 Kings chapters 1–2 as background on Elijah.