



## How To Be A Good And Faithful Servant

Romans 1:1-17 (Part 2)  
#2 in a series on Romans  
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*Last week, September 27, Part 1:  
Introduction To The Book  
The Servant's Basic Identity*

### **The Servant's Service To The Church.**

1. Thankfulness for others. (8; cf. Philippians 1:3-4; Philemon 1:4)
2. Prayer for others. (9-10)
3. Concern for the growth of others. (11-12)
4. Love for others. (11, 15; cf. 5:5)

### **The Servant's Service To The World.**

1. His mission. (14, 16; cf. 2-4; 2 Timothy 4:2, 5)
2. His motive. (14-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 2:14; Galatians 6:14; 2 Timothy 4:2)
3. His message. (16-17, 2-4)

## 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.** Read Romans 1:1-17. If you have not memorized 1:16-17 yet, start or continue working on it. Last week we looked at the basic identity of all good and faithful servants of Christ. Review verse one and the implications of you being a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, His messenger and one who is set apart for the gospel.

**Tuesday.** Good and faithful servants have a ministry, service to the church. Today zero in on the first two of the four Paul mentions in this section. The first is being thankful for others (8). Have you thanked God for others so far this week? Have you told anyone you are thankful to God for him/her this week? Make this particular attitude and action of thankfulness part of your Thanksgiving celebration.

We, like Paul, should be praying for others believers regularly (9-10)—for their needs, goals, and desires; for their growth and service; for their victories and triumphs. To each one who is faithfully doing this—*Thank you!*

**Wednesday.** A genuine concern for the growth of others is a vital part of our ministry to the church (11-12). Don't let our fast-paced, overflowing-scheduled world squeeze you into being indifferent and uninvolved with other believers for their growth.

We talk about love a great deal in the church, and we should! Paul's love for the believers at Rome is seen in his eager desire to be with them (11), and his eagerness to serve them (15). Do these traits mark your love for other Christians?

**Thursday.** Good and faithful servants have a mission to the world. Jesus stated it clearly in Matthew 28:18-20. Review the outline, verses listed there and your notes about the mission, motive and message you and I have to our world. How are you doing? Ask God to move you out of your comfort zone when that's needed so you will fulfill your service to those who don't know Him yet.

**Friday/Saturday.** Have you memorized Romans 1:16-17? Sunday is our Thanksgiving celebration. We will be thinking about giving thanks to God from Psalm 107. Read and think through the Psalm as you prepare for our time together.

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