



How To Be A Good And Faithful Servant (Part 3)

Romans 15:14-33

#21 in a series on Romans

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Theme: **Good And Faithful Servants Follow God's Game Plan.**

Keeping God's Perspective For Your Ministry.

1. It is based on God's grace and blessing. (15-16, 28-29; cf. 1:5; 12:3, 6)
2. It requires holiness. (16; cf. 12:1; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:19-22; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
3. It is God's accomplishment. (17-19; cf. 1 Corinthians 1:31; 4:1-13; Galatians 6:14; James 4:6)
4. It always looks ahead. (20-25; James 4:13-17)

Maintaining God's Perspective On Other Believers.

1. Recognize their gifts, maturity and ministry. (14, 26-27; John 1:45-51; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5)
2. Recognize your responsibilities to them. (15:15; cf. 12:5, 10, 16; 13:8; 14:19; 15:5, 7; 16:16-18)
3. Recognize their importance to you and your ministry. (24, 30-33; cf. 16:3)

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. As we come to the close of Romans we picked up a theme from the opening of the book—how to be a good and faithful servant. Read Romans 1:1-17. Use the outlines and your notes from the two sermons on this section for review (If you saved them. If not, you can find them on line at www.expositorysermons.ca).

Tuesday. God's game plan for good and faithful service includes keeping His perspective for your ministry. Every believer is a minister for Christ. God's plan for your ministry is that it be based on His grace and blessing as well as having the foundation of holiness. Walk through the references on this on the outline. What are the benefits of basing all you do for God on His grace and blessing? What does the requirement of holiness mean and not mean? What is the state of your service for God?

Wednesday. God's perspective for your ministry also calls for recognizing that every step and result is His accomplishment, not yours. This requires humility (verses 17-19). Paul also sets the example of looking ahead to future ministry (verses 20-25). Even though his plate was full and overflowing, as yours may be, he was looking ahead to what God would want him to do. Are you looking ahead for potential future ministry? If so, what do you see ahead?

Thursday. God's game plan for good and faithful service also includes maintaining His perspective on other believers. Paul shows us this involves

- Recognizing their gifts and ministry.
- Recognizing your responsibilities to them.
- Recognizing their importance to you and your ministry.

Have you been overlooking any of these things? Where do you need to grow and/or change with respect to them? What are some benefits of having God's perspective on other believers?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude this series in Romans by looking at 16:1-27. Read and think through this closing section as you prepare to worship together.

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