

The Life and Letters of Paul

Romans 16

- 1. Do you take time to appreciate the people God has surrounded you with along the way in your faith walk.**

Romans 16:1-16

- 2. Here we find a list of 29 people Paul wants to take time to thank, 10 of them which are women who were important to the work of his ministry.**

Examples

- Phoebe-some scholars believe she was delivering letters to Rome on behalf of Paul (her home Cenchrea 700 miles from Rome)**
- Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry- Acts 18:2,12,26/ 1 Cor 16:9**
- Epenetus. He was the first person from the province of Asia to become a follower of Christ**

- 3. Paul saw the importance of pointing out the people around you that the Lord has placed in your life, these people are people that add to your life in Christ. He would now turn to individuals whose focus would be to take away. (Vrs .1-16 add)**

- 4. As the letter to Rome comes to an end Paul wants to emphasize (make one more appeal) to our "For People" who come to divide and upset by way of false teaching. He makes a plea to not entertain, not to make feel wanted, or appease them but to 'Stay Away'**

Romans 16:17/ Acts 20:29-31/ Watch out for false teachers

- 5. Paul goes on to speak on the nature of a divisive person that we should look out for.**

Romans 16:18(NKJV)- their own belly/ Philippians 3:18-19- whose god is their belly

Examples

- Judas- John 12:6- he often stole some for himself.**

- Korah-Numbers 16:2-3- incited a rebellion against Moses, along with 250.
- 2 Samuel 15:3-6,11-said the right things, kissed the hands, 200 men rebelled

6. When a person comes in to divide that person is not from the Lord, the source of all divisiveness is Satan. See God view on this nature

Isaiah 14:12-15-pride was his fall/ Proverbs 6:16-19- a person who sows discord in a family. Titus 3:10- 3 strikes and you're out

7. Paul tells the church that their strength is found when they keep their eyes on Jesus and the work of the cross, God will have the victory.

Romans 16:19-20/1 Peter 2:12- live properly/Gen 3:15-promised from the fall

8. Paul goes back to speaking of those who are with him, co labor in faith.

Romans 16:21-23-fellow Jews, Writers, host, city officials-all willing to give their lives.

Acts 17:5-10-Jason's house

9. Paul ends the letter the same way he started it, Jesus and the message of the cross to the gentiles was his focus.

Roman 16:25-27/ Romans 1:1-5