



How To Be A Good And Faithful Servant

Romans 1:1-17 (Part 1)

#1 in a series on Romans

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Introduction To The Book.

1. The circumstances.
2. The central message.
3. The content.

The Servant's Basic Identity.

1. A bond-servant of Christ Jesus. (1; see also Luke 9:23-24; Philippians 2:5-7)
2. A messenger of God.
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3. A person set apart for the gospel. (1; see also Acts 9:15-16; 13:1-3; Galatians 1:15)

October 4, Part 2:

The Servant's Service To The Church

The Servant's Service To The World

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. This is Paul's introduction to himself and his subject. He states his focus or theme in verses 16-17—the gospel, the good news of Christ Jesus. Memorize these two verses this week (if you already have, refresh them).

Tuesday. As Paul shares some things about himself he reveals part of what made him successful. On Sunday we described success with Jesus words in Matthew 25, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." Being a good and faithful servant begins with who and what we are, our basic identity.

Paul described himself as "a bond-servant of Christ Jesus" (1:1). Read Philippians 2:5-7 to refresh the attitude that is to drive our being God's servants. Are you really living as a bond-servant of Christ Jesus?

Wednesday. Another part of Paul's basic identity was being called by God as an apostle (1:1). The word apostle basically refers to one who is sent, a messenger. While we are not apostles in a *technical sense* as Paul was, each one of us who knows Christ has been commissioned by Him as His messenger (see Matthew 28:29-10). Does this describe you today?

Thursday. The final part of a good and faithful servant's basic identity we noted on Sunday was being set apart for the gospel (1:1). This applies to each and every believer. Christ has saved you from sin and the world to Himself and His service. YMake sure you are a channel for living out this new identity.

Friday/Saturday. Have you memorized Romans 1:16-17? On Sunday we plan to take a second look at being a good and faithful servant, focusing on our service to the church and world. Read and think through 1:1-17 as you prepare for our time together.