

*Valley Bible Church Devotional Study*

**Attitude Toward Ministry**

**Romans 1:11-17**

Paul was an apostle with a ministry of preaching the gospel and beginning churches as a missionary. In this passage, he writes to a group of believers in a city he has yet to visit. He reveals his heart for ministry. He explains an attitude about serving God from which we can learn.

Romans 1:11 When do you approach this ministry to which God has called you with a servant's heart (others focused) and when is your mind occupied with your words and actions (self-focused?)

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Romans 1:12 What could you think and do to better respect the work that God has done in believers to whom you minister?

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Romans 1:13-14: How would you define your role(s) in ministry today?

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Consider Paul's motive of seeing spiritual fruit in the lives of those he served. Record your prayer, aligning your heart with this purpose in the use of your gifts.

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Romans 1:15 Are you eager for your next opportunity to serve? What circumstances result in reluctance or discouragement in your ministry?

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Romans 1:16-17: We must not be ashamed of the Word of our Lord. The Gospel is God's tool to change the hearts of people we know. Saving faith and righteousness are important: at stake is the eternal destiny of a soul. How does this apply to you?

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If your attitude toward ministry will be a reflection of these truths, what actions must you take, what motives will you have and to what standard will you hold yourself?

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