

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?)

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

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

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.

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

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?

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?
