

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for January 29, 1989**

**“Marks of True Spiritual Service”**  
**Romans 1:1-15**  
**Part 3**

Introduction: Judas followed Jesus for personal gain. Jer 17:9, “The heart is deceitful..” Why do we follow Jesus? When we evaluate our lives what do we see? When we look to Paul we see a man who is for real.

Body:

1. Thankful Spirit
2. Concerned Spirit
3. Willing Spirit
4. Submissive Spirit
5. Loving Spirit

Loving is giving. Verse 11, “I long to see you that I might impart some spiritual gift to you, that you might be established.” Spiritual gifts as talked of in 1 Corinthians are bestowed by the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 3 the lame beggar received a gift. Was the gift from Peter and John? No. The gift was from Jesus. “In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene - walk!”

Paul is saying he is coming with the spiritual gifts God has given him and he is going to share them with the Romans. “That you may be established,” the reason why Paul wanted so gladly to share his gifts with the Romans. The gifts that we give are spiritual gifts, they are gifts from God that we can share.

A humble spirit, verse 12. A humble spirit is projected by Paul. “That I may be encouraged together with you...” Encouraged by the others faith. Seeing the personal devotion and desire to serve Jesus in the other. To be encouraged by one another’s faith keeps us going.