



## THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS “The Ministering Mentality” Romans 15:1-33

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The desire to please ourselves is a powerful motivational factor. It can lead to all kinds of selfishness and inappropriate independence. Because the Christian follows Christ, he/she exhibits a different attitude—the ministering mentality.

### I. The Ministry of Edification. vv. 1-14

- A. A matter of attitude.
  - 1. Recognition of moral responsibility.
    - a. Ought. v. 1      b. Owe. v. 27      c. c.f. Romans 1:14-15
  - 2. Exercise of personal restraint.
    - a. Sacrificial example of Christ.
    - b. Sacrificial restraint of self.
    - c. Sacrificial outreach to others.
  - 3. Development of spiritual relationships.
    - a. Commitment to building up others through service.
    - b. Commitment to building up self through Scriptures.
- B. A matter of approach. vv. 5-13
  - 1. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you...
  - 2. May the God of glory captivate you...
    - a. So that His glory is a major concern.
    - b. So that other considerations are minor concerns.
  - 3. May the God of peace fill you...
- C. A matter of application. v. 14
  - The result of all this:
    - 1. The willingness to accept. v. 7      2. The ability to cope. v. 14

### II. The Ministry of Proclamation. vv. 15-21

- A. Proclamation and penetration... “boldly.”
- B. Proclamation and priesthood... “Priestly duty.”
- C. Proclamation and power... “Christ accomplished through me.”
- D. Proclamation and purpose... “those who were not told.”

### III. The Ministry of Administration. vv. 22-29

- A. Completing the Corinthian ministry. v. 23
- B. Starting the Spanish ministry. v. 24
- C. Continuing the Roman ministry. v. 24
- D. Finalizing the Macedonian/Achaian ministry. v. 26
- E. Supervising the Judean ministry. v. 27

### IV. The Ministry of Intercession. vv. 30-33

- A. Intercession must be stimulated—“I urge you.”
  - 1. By the Lord.      2. By the Spirit.
- B. Intercession must be sustained—“join in my struggle.”
- C. Intercession must be specific.
  - 1. Rescued from unbelievers.      2. Received by believers.      3. Refreshed by Romans.

**Question:** “Where do I minister?”