How We Treat People

How Then Shall We Live? - part 5

Romans 16

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Paul models how we are to think about:

(1)   P_____,

(2)   How we r_____, and

(3)   W_____ we're here.

Romans 16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea.

² I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.

*Romans 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, <u>my fellow workers</u> in Christ Jesus. ⁴ They <u>**risked their lives**</u> for me. Not only I but <u>all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful</u> to them.*

⁵ Greet also the <u>church that meets at their house</u>. Greet my <u>dear</u> friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.

⁶ Greet Mary, who <u>worked very hard for you</u>.

⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are <u>outstanding among the apostles</u>, and they were in Christ before I was.

⁸ Greet Ampliatus, <u>whom I love</u> in the Lord.

Faithful Servants

Romans 16:21 Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives. ²² I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.

²³ Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings.

How does Paul think about:

a. People?

b. How he relates to them?

c. The value of their ministry?

Benediction

Romans 16:25 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past,

²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him--

²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Pg 1: People; relate; Why;   Pg 2: divisions; doctrine; Pg 3: desire; deceitfulness;   obedience; moral; endurance;   grace.

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Romans 16:9   Greet Urbanus, <u>our fellow worker</u> in Christ, and my <u>dear</u> friend Stachys.

[10] Greet Apelles, <u>tested and approved in Christ</u>. Greet those who <u>belong to the household</u> of Aristobulus.

[11] Greet Herodion, my relative. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.

[12] Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who <u>work hard in the Lord</u>. Greet my <u>dear</u> friend Persis, another woman who has <u>worked very hard</u> in the Lord.

[13] Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who <u>has been a mother to me</u>, too.

[14] Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brothers with them. [15] Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the saints with them.

[16] Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

4 Dead Ends to Avoid:

Romans 16:17   I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

Danger #1: D_____.

Danger #2: D_____.

*[18] For such people are not **<u>serving</u>** our Lord Christ, but **<u>their own appetites</u>**. By smooth talk and flattery they <u>deceive the minds</u> of naive people.*

Danger #3: D_____-driven appetites

Danger #4: D_____.

4 Good Roads:

Romans 16:19 Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

Road #1: O_____.

Road #2: M_____wisdom.

Rom. 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Road #3: E_____.

Road #4: G_____.