



ROMANS

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CHURCH NEEDS YOUR MINISTRY
Romans 15:15-33

The strength of every church depends on every person serving and supporting the church.

WAYS WE ARE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH:

1. We receive **grace** to **minister** to others.
 - a. Romans 15:15-16a *Yet I have written you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles...*

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2. Use the **pattern** of priestly duties in **proclaiming** the Gospel.
 - a. Romans 15:16b *...He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*
 - b. Witness. Preach. Expound. Exhort.

WAYS WE ARE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH:

3. We are to **give** all **glory** to God.

- a. Romans 15:17 *Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.*
- b. Any fleshly glory is **temporary**.
- c. It is **all by** His power, not of **ourselves**.

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- 4. We **rely** on the Spirit of God to **perform** signs and wonders.
 - a. Romans 15:18-19 *I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— 19 by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.*

WAYS WE ARE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH:

- 5. We are to follow God's **leading** to **share** the Gospel.
 - a. Romans 15:20-22 *It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. 21 Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." 22 This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.*

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- 6. We are to **share** our **blessings**.
 - a. Romans 15:23-29 *But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, 24 I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. 25 Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.*
 - b. Giving is a **service** to God's **ministry**.
 - c. Giving is a **privilege** and a **responsibility**.
 - d. Luke 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

WAYS WE ARE A BLESSING TO OUR CHURCH:

7. We are to pray **prayers** of **intercession** for others.
 - a. Romans 15:30-33 *I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. 31 Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, 32 so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. 33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen.*
 - b. Paul asked others to pray for him and **so should** we.
 - c. Paul was **confident** that prayer works!
 - d. Paul says that prayer requests are subject to **God's will**.
 - e. 1 Timothy 2:1-4 *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.3 This is good and pleases God our Savior,4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.*