

LESSON 13

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 15:14—16:27



1 Make a list of ways you can support someone. How have you been supported in each of those ways?



Read Romans 15:14—16:27 and the following notes:

- ☐ 15:17 ☐ 15:20–22 ☐ 15:23, 24 ☐ 15:30 ☐ 16:1, 2 ☐ 16:3 ☐ 16:5ff
☐ 16:7 ☐ 16:17–20 ☐ 16:21 ☐ 16:25–27

2 How could Paul be so sure the Roman Christians were capable of teaching each other in the faith?

3 What do these concluding verses of chapter 15 communicate about Paul's mission and motivation for ministry?

4 Why would Paul be concerned that his service to the Jerusalem church might not prove acceptable?

5 How did Paul come to know so many of the Roman believers? What does this say about the spread of the gospel throughout Asia during those early years of the church?

6 This passage suggests it is all right to take pride in what God has done through us. What are some healthy and unhealthy ways of handling this issue?



7 Most of the church's outstanding leaders were highly motivated. How do people develop this high level of commitment?

8 What practical ways to support others are found in this passage?

In this section we see how fellowship makes a difference. The relationships we read about were not just social acquaintances. They were deep commitments to one another that came from struggling together to achieve a common goal. When you have prayed, worked, laughed, and cried with someone, the friendship will not be weakened by time or distance. When you have had a part in another's growth, you will always have a part in the fruit of that person's service. And in difficult times, you turn to those whose love has been demonstrated and tested. That's what our true partners in the gospel are like. Look around—who else is working faithfully alongside you?



9 What has Christ accomplished through you? How have others encouraged you as you have served the Lord?

10 What changes would you like to see in the type or amount of support you receive from others in your church?

11 How could you be more supportive of others?

12 Think of a person you know who needs extra support right now to overcome a struggle or accomplish a difficult task. How can you help that person this week?



A What does Scripture seem to indicate about Paul's activity after he wrote this letter?

B What is the "secret" of the gospel, and how was it hidden "from the beginning of time" (16:25)?

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