

“Admonish One Another”

Romans 15: 14-16

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Rom 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

Rom 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Outline:

1) Their Readiness to Admonish (verse 14)

2) The Requirement & Reminder to Admonish (verse 15A)

3) The Reasons for the Exhortation (verse 15b and 16)

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Note 1,

Just as Paul was convinced of Christ as Minister in verse 8, He is also convinced of the Roman believers to be under ministers!

Rom 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the fathers:

Note 2,

This persuasion was of a personal nature and conviction!

And I myself also am persuaded of you

Consider,

How important and vital it is that we live as to convince one another of our genuineness as the servants of Christ!

Compare:

Hebrews 6: 4-12

II) Their Ability to Admonish Underscored by three qualifications

Firstly,

The Qualification of Salvation!

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, **my brethren**, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

Note,

An unconverted man is not a suitable minister for the people of God.

Compare:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

So, we have here; The Qualification of Salvation!

Secondly,

The Qualification of Sanctification!

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, **that ye also are full of goodness**, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

In Philippians one he puts it this way:

Php 1:11 Being **filled with the fruits of righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Note,

For service, it is not enough that one is saved. He\She must be Holy!

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, **Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

We see a detailed description of this principle in Titus 3: 1-8

Remember also Paul's exhortation in:

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, **ye which are spiritual, restore such an one** in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

So,

We have considered the Qualifications of;

Salvation and Sanctification.

Now Thirdly,

The Qualification of Study!

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, **filled with all knowledge**, able also to admonish one another.

In Colossians:

Col 1:7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Col 1:8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

Col 1:9 For this cause we also, **since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Also:

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

ESV weak here:

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Peter begins and ends his second letter with the importance of growing in knowledge!

2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

And;

2Pe 3:15 And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

2Pe 3:16 As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

2Pe 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.

So;

We have considered three qualifications for the service of God's people!

1) Salvation

2) Sanctification

3) Study

Or as Paul says in another place:

1Ti 4:11 These things command and teach.

1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1Ti 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1Ti 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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May God bless His Word to our Souls.

Amen.