

What Do We Do?
Be a Minister
Romans 15:14-33

What do we need to do to have a victorious ministry?

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Paul gives us the 2 main aspects of his ministry.

Verses 14-22 talk about his ministry to the unbelievers

Verses 23-33 talk about his ministry to the believers.

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Romans 15:14-15 ESV I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God

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1. Realizing your ministry is built on grace.

John 15:16 NIV You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

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Romans 15:16 ESV to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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2. Building your ministry on the Word of God.

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Romans 15:17-18 ESV In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,

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3. Doing ministry for the glory of God.

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Romans 15:18-19 ESV For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

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4. Remembering that your ministry is powered by God.

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Romans 15:20-24 ESV and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of Him will see, and those who have never heard will understand."²² This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.

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5. Remembering that your ministry is planned according to God's purpose.

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Romans 15:25-29 ESV At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷ For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.²⁸ When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. ²⁹ I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

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6. Allowing God's people to support it financially.

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Romans 15:30-33 ESV I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. ³³ May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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7. Depending upon the power of prayer.

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If you think: "I am not good enough to minister to others", look at who God has used.

1. Moses stuttered.
2. David's armor didn't fit.
3. John Mark was rejected by Paul.
4. Timothy had ulcers.
5. Hosea's wife was a prostitute.
6. Amos was only trained to prune fig-trees
7. Jacob was a liar.
8. David had an affair.
9. Solomon was too rich.
10. Abraham was too old.
11. David was too young.
12. Peter was afraid of death.
13. Lazarus was dead.
14. John was self-righteous.
15. Naomi was a widow.

- 16. Paul was a murderer.**
- 17. Jonah ran from God.**
- 18. Miriam was a gossip.**
- 19. Gideon and Thomas both doubted.**
- 20. Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.**
- 21. Elijah was burned out.**
- 22. John the Baptist was a loudmouth.**
- 23. Martha was a worry-wart.**
- 24. Mary was lazy.**
- 25. Samson had long hair.**
- 26. Noah got drunk.**
- 27. Moses had a temper.**

If God can use these individuals, will you let Him use you?

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