

ROMANS

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The Contrast Between Selfish and Selfless Romans 16:1-20

Paul's desire to visit Rome leads to a number of personal greetings (15:32-16:16).

Rom. 15:32 *so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.*

Keep your eyes peeled to protect the family from false teachers (16:17-20).

Rom. 16:17 *I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.*

1. False teachers trick the spiritually weak - through empty words - for personal benefit.

Rom. 16:18 *For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.*

2. Therefore, even the strong must remain vigilant in both spiritual growth and rejection of evil.

Rom. 16:19 *For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.*

3. Through God's grace and our continued vigilance, the deceiver will be destroyed.

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

In contrast to the harmful effects of false teaching, Paul identifies exemplary servants in the church community of Rome (16:17-20).

1. They supported generously — to promote the advancement of the gospel

Rom. 16:2 *that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.*

2. They lived selflessly — even risking life and limb.

Rom. 16:4 *who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.*

Rom. 16:7 *Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.*

3. They worked diligently — in service to Jesus.

Rom. 16:6 *Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.*

Rom. 16:9 *Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.*

Rom. 16:12 *Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.*

4. They loved affectionately — like family.

Rom. 16:8 *Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.*

Rom. 16:13 *Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Identify ways that false teachers have infiltrated / influenced the church.
2. Describe practical ways to "keep your eyes peeled" to protect yourself and others from false teaching/teachers.
3. Of the four exemplary characteristics listed (generous support, selfless living, diligent work, and affectionate love) — choose one to think about/focus on this upcoming week.

SONGS

"I Am Set Free" - James Ferguson, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Kleyn, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

"This Is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham

"The Stand" - Joel Houston

"Before The Throne of God Above" - Shane & Shane

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$35,218.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,099,899.00
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,119,328.00