



Living Up to the Label

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 15

I am concentrating on verse 7 today, but please do not neglect to read all of Romans 15. It is rich with hope as Paul starts to wind down his ministry and life.

As an older elementary child and teenager, I was a mess for many different reasons. The way I was raised by my father left an indelible mark on my life. As a father, I now realize we make many mistakes that we want to do over.

I felt that I was worthless and as a person, small or grown, I would never amount to anything of value. There are many reasons I felt that way, but I will not go into that.

- I was labeled a person that would never be able to learn (dyslexia) or succeed.
- I was labeled an athlete, which I thought was my way out of my situation and problems.
- I was labeled a husband while still in my teens and did not have clue how to act or what to do.
- I was labeled a father and really did not know what to do.
- Then I was labeled a Christ follower. That label, although I did not know what I was getting into, changed my life forever.

I know everyone has been labeled something in their lives, some good and some bad. We will pick up labels. People will call us things. However, it is up to us whether we let those labels stick. We choose whether we let a label hold us back in the future. Labels do not have to define us.

It is all about what Christ says we are, not what people say we are. There are people you will run into today that have been weighed down with a label people have put upon them. We are not to judge and accept based on who people are or what they do, but because Christ has accepted us as we are to give praise and glory to the Lord.

PRAYER: Lord, help me see others and myself as You see me. We are kids of the King, the only One that matters.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 16

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