



Paul's Example as a Minister

- Paul is unique as an apostle of Jesus Christ.
- Paul's gospel and attitudes should not be unique!

1 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore I exhort you, **be imitators of me.**

Philippians 3:17 Brethren, **join in following my example**, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Inclusio:
 1:9 ... the **preaching of the gospel** of His Son...
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 1:15 ...eager **to preach the gospel** to you who are in Rome.

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Paul's Attitude of Thankfulness

Romans 1:8 First, **I thank my God through Jesus Christ** for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

- "through Jesus Christ" = Christ gives access to the Father

Philippians 1:15, 18 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will...18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and **in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice...**

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Paul's Fervency and Reliance Upon God

Romans 1:9-10 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, 10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

- "serve" = latreuo – worship given to God (Ex. 20:5)
- "in my spirit" = whole heartedly with vigor
- "unceasing prayers" = not constantly but in regular intervals
- "by the will of God" = Paul relied upon God's timing

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Paul's Humble Desire to Teach

Romans 1:11-12 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established, 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

- "spiritual gift" = an insight into Christ's gospel taught by Paul
- "established" = strengthened in the faith

The Gospel Brings the Church to Maturity:

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

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Paul's Compulsion for the Gospel

Romans 1:13-15 I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

- "fruit" = Rome's strengthened faith and material sharing
- "under obligation" = morally bound by God
- "Greeks" = those of Greek culture (wise)
- "barbarians" = those of inferior culture (foolish)
- "Greeks and barbarians" = all possible Gentiles

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Applications

1. All Christians are called into a partnership in the gospel which requires service and sacrifice.
2. We must understand that any church is only faithful if the gospel of Christ is believed, proclaimed, and defended.

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1. The Call Into Service of the Gospel

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

John 14:12 Truly, truly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me**, the works that I do, he will do **also**; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father.

Philippians 1:3-5 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, **4** always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, **5** in view of **your participation in the gospel** from the first day until now.

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1. The Call to Suffer for the Gospel

Philippians 1:27-30 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind **striving together for the faith of the gospel**; **28** in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. **29** For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, **but also to suffer for His sake**, **30** experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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2. We Must Be a Gospel Church

Revelation 3:1b-3 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 'Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. 3 'So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent.) Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

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