



Part 7: How to Bring Out the Best in People

1. Be _____
“...as it is written: ‘Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing hymns to your name.’ Again, it says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.’ And again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and sing praises to him, all you peoples.’ And again, Isaiah says, ‘The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.’” Rom 15:8-12

2. Be _____
“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Rom. 15:13 (See Rom. 15:5, 6)

3. Be _____
“I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.” Rom. 15:14

4. Be _____
“I have written you quite boldly on some points, as if to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me...” Rom. 15:15

5. Be _____ (Rom. 15:17-27)

Paul is an example of:

_____ (v. 17)

_____ (v. 18)

_____ (v. 19, 20)

_____ (v. 20-24)

_____ (v. 22)

_____ (v. 23)

_____ (v. 25-27)

6. Be _____
“I have longed to see you... I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.” Rom. 15:28, 29

7. Be _____
“I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Pray that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there, so that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.” Rom. 15:30-32

“The God of peace be with you all. Amen.” Rom. 15:33

Daily Meditations

Here’s a chance to take it home: Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought provoking questions about this weekend’s topic!

This week’s memory verse:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Rom. 15:13

Monday

Look back over the message notes. How are you doing in your relationships? Write down one way you brought out the best in a friend in the last week. Write down one area you’d like to improve in.

Read Rom. 15:7-12. How do these verses show God’s vision for reaching the world?

Who has been a “vision caster” in your life? How has that impacted you?

Think about the people you come in contact with on a daily basis - don’t forget family! Who is in need of a friend to come along side them and give them a glimpse of their potential? (Remember “vision casting” is not telling someone what you want them to do - it is encouraging them in their strengths and helping them to believe in God’s purpose and plan for their life.) Write down a plan to that in the next few days.

Thank God today for His heart for the world. Thank Him for the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Thank God for the people who have come along side you and impacted your life. Ask Him for wisdom to see the strengths and potential in the people around you. Ask for wisdom to know how best to encourage the people you talk to.

Tuesday

Read Romans 15:13. Mediate on this verse for a few minutes.

Think about each of these phrases and write down what they mean to you:
“...the God of hope...”

“...fill you with joy and peace...”

“...overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit...”

What stands out to you in this verse? What application can you make for your life today?

Thank God today that His peace and joy. Thank Him for His love for you. Ask Him to help you live out and apply this verse today.

Wednesday

Read Romans 15:17-27. Take each one of the ways that Paul was an example to the Romans and write down one goal and one action step for your life and relationships.

Service (vs. 17):

Humility (vs.18):

Evangelism (vs. 19-20):

Godly Ambition (vs. 20-24):

Perseverance (vs. 22):

Friendship (vs. 23):

Charity (vs. 25-27):

Thank God today for the example of the people in the Bible. Ask God to help you put feet to what you've learned and make a difference in your world.

Thursday

Read Romans 15:28-29 & 1 Thess. 3:10-11. Everyone's life seems to be busy these days - from young to old - we're all on the run. How does busyness prevent you from bringing out the best in people?

Write down one way you can slow down this week and make time to minister to others. How will you put that into action?

Ask God to help you see beyond your schedule and the tyranny of the urgent. Pray for wisdom to know how best to use your time to glorify God and make a difference for eternity.

Friday

Read Romans 15:30-33. How is Paul transparent in these verses? How does transparency impact your relationships? How does it bring out the best in others?

If you were going to be more transparent in your relationships, what changes would that involve?

Being transparent involves knowing what's on your heart and mind. Take a moment to write down what is on your heart these days. (You may need another sheet of paper!)

Thank God today that He shares His heart in the Bible. Ask Him for the courage to live transparently.

Saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed this week, and memorize that verse on the top of the previous page! *Please pray for the weekend services! Thanks!*