
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: It Matters How I Live

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Romans 16:1–16

Do I Live a Life That Is Commendable?

When People Talk About Me, What Am I Known For?

Last Warnings

16:17-27

1. Watch Out for People Who Cause Divisions

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. 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

“One final word of counsel, friends. Keep a sharp eye out for those who take bits and pieces of the teaching that you learned and then use them to make trouble. Give these people a wide berth. They have no intention of living for our Master Christ. They’re only in this for what they can get out of it, and aren’t above using pious sweet talk to dupe unsuspecting innocents.” *Romans 16:17–18, MSG*

Division Between Me & You Destroys
the Power of God in a Community

Titus 3:9-11; Jude 1:16-19; Eph. 4:3-6; Col. 3:12-15; 1 John 2:9; Matt. 18:15-18

“I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.” *1 Corinthians 1:10, ESV*

“[Jesus] said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls.” *Luke 11:17, ESV*

I Am Commanded to Forgive Offenses

and Not Hold Grudges

2. Be Wise in Things That Are Good and Innocent to What Is Evil

¹⁹For 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

What I Think Is Fun, Cool, or OK, Could Be the Very Thing
Destroying My Witness for Christ

3. Don't Give Up

²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

My Choice: to Live Life by Faith or Fear

4. Develop Your Doxology

²⁵ Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Praise in My Heart Is the Evidence That I Am
Walking in The Spirit