

Message Notes

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The Greatest Letter Ever Written #45 “Wisdom Leading to Goodness” Romans 16:17-27

Introduction:

“Timothy, my fellow worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my relatives.” (16:21)

“I Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city’s director of public works (oikonomos), and our brother Quartus send you their greetings. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen.” (16:22-24)

Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ...” (16:25)

I urge you brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people. (16:17-18)

For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Acts 20:27-31 (NIV)

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“For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.” Romans 9:3-5 (NKJV)

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Principal: If any man or woman _____ a leadership position they should never be in it.

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Cognitive dissonance –

“Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I am full of joy over you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.” (16:19)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.” Psalm 111:10 (NKJV)

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Never confuse the will of the _____ with the will of God! - Chuck Colson

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.” (16:20)

CLOSING:

