

Holy Ambition (Romans 15:14-21)

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(14) I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

(15) But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God (16) to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

(17) In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. (18) For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience--by word and deed, (19) by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God--so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;

(20) and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, (21) but as it is written, "Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand." [Romans 15:14-21 ESV]

Practical Application

Christian...

1. You can live with deep satisfaction in God.
2. You are part of a great spiritual family.
3. Because of Jesus, you can do good and be good.
4. Because of Jesus, you can know truth, be wise, and have understanding.
5. By God's grace and power, you can instruct/counsel/teach others.
6. You can learn from other Christians and be helped by them.
7. There is a time to be bold in your communication.
8. We all need to be reminded of God's truth regularly because we so easily forget.
9. God has given you a grace gift(s) to use for His glory.
10. God calls some people to a life gospel ministry. What has he called you to do?
11. Gospel ministry is about connecting others to God through Christ, and about helping those who know Christ grow and mature in Him.
12. We all need the "gospel (good news) of God" and the power of the Holy Spirit to do God's will.
13. There is a bad pride and a good pride. The apostle Paul was proud of his work for God. He knew that all the good he did was by God's grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and because of the saving work of Jesus Christ.
14. Gospel ministry connects people to God and helps them grow in obedience to God.
15. Gospel ministry should be in word and deed, verbal communication and loving action, instruction and demonstration.
16. We all need the power of God to do the work of God.
17. The Holy Spirit of God has, can, and does signs, wonders, and miracles to point people to Jesus Christ.
18. Fulfill God's mission, and His calling for your life. Go where He leads and do what He says.
19. How can you most effectively spread the gospel in Calera, Shelby County, Alabama, the United States, and around the world?
20. How can you pray, give, and go for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
21. There is good ambition and bad ambition. Do you have a holy ambition? You can. You should.

22. Make it your ambition to spread the gospel to the people of the world in the best way you can.
23. How can we get the gospel to people who have never heard it before?
24. Many people are unreached. Many people groups are unengaged. Many people around you don't know that basic facts of the gospel. How can you lovingly tell them?
25. Let God use you so that others might hear, see, understand, and experience the goodness of God, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
26. Have a holy ambition!

Announcements

-Kid's summer Art Camp will be July 15-18 (5:30-8pm).

-No regular Wednesday night activities over the Summer Break.

-Our Youth Group is having special events all Summer. See David Barrero for more info.

-Please be praying for Michael and Elijah Garrison as they go on a mission trip to love and serve the Navajo people in New Mexico with Word of Life Ministry alongside Wayne and Kim Price. The trip is June 23-July 8th.

-All of our Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you.