

STEPS IN READINESS FOR WORLDWIDE MINISTRY

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Reading: *Rom 1:1-17*.

Step 1: The right starting position, v1.

“Paul, a **bondservant of Jesus Christ.**” Paul had chosen to fully surrender his whole life to Christ to do His will. (See No 202 Pastors’ Notes.) Seek to establish and maintain this relationship of total submission to the Lordship of Christ on a daily basis, *Lk 9:23, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38*.

Step 2: The right calling, v1.

“Called to be an apostle.” **Make sure of your call in God.** Seek and find your calling in Christ. Ask for the elders and the leaders around you to pray and wait on God for prophetic ministry, for you, *1Tim 4:14, 1Tim 1:18*. Seek God yourself daily and keep a spiritual diary. (No 60 Pastors’ Notes.) You may not be an apostle. Prophets, teachers, evangelists and pastors can all move in a world-wide ministry, as well as deacons, elders and saints. *Rom 16:1,2, Ac 18:24-28, Ac 8:4, Ac 11:19,20*.

Step 3: The right focus, v1,2,3,4,5,6,7.

“Separated to the gospel of God.” **Keep focused on the anointed message of Christ and His Word,** so that you may “fully preach the gospel of Christ,” *Rom 15:19*.

Step 4: The right attitude, v8.

“I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all.” Praise and thank God for those whom God is calling you to minister to. Thank the Lord for His precious saints and their impact on their society.

Step 5: The right spirit, v9.

“God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit.....that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.” **Intercede for those whom you plan to visit** and serve in the gospel. Pray powerfully for them, and as you do, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you needs, insights, areas of ministry, and He will prepare you to go with boldness, power and relevance.

Step 6: The right opportunity, v10.

“Making request.....find a way in the will of God to come to you.” Jesus said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you,” *Mat 7:7*. **Pray for God’s way and it will be opened to you.**

Step 7: The right ministry, v11.

“That I may impart to you some spiritual gift.” **Be prepared in God to impart ministry according to the spiritual need of the saints** you are visiting so that they will be established and built up.

Step 8: The right balance, v12.

“That I may be encouraged together with you.” As you go **be prepared to receive the ministry of the saints into your life.** God will reveal Himself through them to you.

Step 9: The right plan, v13.

“I often planned to come you.” **Make plans and think through all the necessities** of travel, accommodation, clothing, climate, ministry, materials, cash and cards, travel documentation, diet, etc.

Step 10: The right preparation, v15-17.

“I am ready to preach the gospel to you.” **Make as sure as possible that you are in the fulness of the blessing of God** as a minister of the gospel and ready to minister with power the message of salvation to all people.