



“Providential Plans”

Romans 15:22-33

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1. Paul was strategic and focused in Christ’s _____ . v22

22 For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you; [Rom 15:22NASB95]

1. Paul gives a reason for a _____ visit. v22

✳️ God called him to _____ people groups.

20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was [already] named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; 21 but as it is written, "THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND." [Rom 15:20-21]

✳️ Upon completion he now _____ to other tasks. v23

23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you [Rom 15:23]

✳️ Paul’s desire indicates his many _____ to come to them. v23

2. Paul’s plan was to visit on the way to _____ . Rom 15:24

24 whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- [Rom 15:24]

✳️ He was faithful to minister to unreached _____ . Rom 15:8-9

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises [given] to the fathers, 9 and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy; as it is written, "THEREFORE I WILL GIVE PRAISE TO YOU AMONG THE GENTILES, AND I WILL SING TO YOUR NAME." [Rom 15:8-9]

✳️ He targeted strategic hubs for global _____ . Rom15:11

11 And again, "PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM." [Rom 15:11]

✳️ The fellowship refreshed Him for ministry _____ . Rom 15:24

2. Paul planned _____ tasks by way of going to Spain. Rom 15:24

24 whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- [Rom 15:24 NASB95]

1) _____ the saints in Jerusalem. Rom 15:25

25 but now, I am going to Jerusalem *servicing the saints*. [Rom 15:25]

2) Be _____ on the way by the saints in Rome. v24

24 whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and *to be helped on my way* there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- [Rom 15:24]

1. Remembering the _____ in Jerusalem. Gal 2:10

10 [They] only [asked] us to *remember the poor*--the very thing I also was eager to do. [Gal 2:10]

✳ He was collecting _____ for Jerusalem. v26;;Act 4:32;2Th 3:10

- 26 For *Macedonia and Achaia* have been pleased to *make a contribution for the poor* among the saints in Jerusalem. [Rom 15:26]
- 32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one [of them] claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but *all things were common property* to them. [Act 4:32]
- 10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: *if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat*, either. [2Th 3:10]

✳ The principle is shared material things for _____ things. Rom 15:27

27 Yes, they were pleased [to do so,] and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things. [Rom 15:27]

✳ He maintained "to the Jew first" _____ . Rom 1:16; 3:1-2

- 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, *to the Jew first* and also to the Greek. [Rom 1:16]
- 1 Then *what advantage* has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that *they were entrusted with the oracles of God*. [Rom 3:1-2 NASB95]

✳ _____ Israel!

✳ Do not _____ the ox. 1Ti 5:18

18 For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "*The laborer is worthy of his wages*." [1Ti 5:18 NASB95]

2. Engaging the _____ in Rome. Rom 15:28

28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain. [Rom 15:28]

✳ The fullness of the blessing of Christ is in God's _____ .

- 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ. [Rom 15:29]
- 19 "But when the Jews objected, *I was forced to appeal to Caesar*, not that I had any accusation against my nation. [Act 28:19]

✳ God's providence demands a walk of _____ . Phl 1:12-14

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my imprisonment in [the cause of] *Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard* and to everyone else, 14 and that most of *the brethren*, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, *have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear*. [Phl 1:12-14]

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3. How to _____ a missionary on his way. Rom 15:30

30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, [Rom 15:30]

1. _____ in prayer to God for them. Col 2:2-4; Eph 6:18-20

2 Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with [an attitude of] thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, **that God will open up to us a door for the word**, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; 4 **that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak**. [Col 4:2-4]

✳ **God will open a _____ for the word.** Col 2:3

✳ **They make _____ the gospel.** Col 2:4

18 With all prayer and petition **pray at all times in the Spirit**, and with this in view, **be on the alert with all perseverance and petition** for all the saints, 19 and [pray] on my behalf, **that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel**, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in [proclaiming] it I **may speak boldly, as I ought to speak**. [Eph 6:18-20 NASB95]

✳ **Give utterance to boldly...**

▶ **...make _____ the gospel.** 6:19

▶ **..._____ as they ought to speak.** 6:20

2. Pray for _____ from diabolic religion. Rom 15:31; 2Th 3:1-2

- 31 that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and [that] my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; [Rom 15:31]
- 1 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as [it did] also with you; 2 and that we will be **rescued from perverse and evil men**; for not all have faith. [2Th 3:1-2 NASB95]

3. Pray for _____ service to the saints. Rom 15:31

4. Pray for joy knowing their _____ is the will of God. Rom 15:32

32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find [refreshing] rest in your company. [Rom 15:32]

5. Pray for _____ rest when they visit. Rom 15:32

6. Pray that the God of _____ is with them. Rom 15:33

33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen. [Rom 15:33 NASB95]