

Fellow Servants
Romans 16:1-15
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Thesis: I want to show what the Apostle Paul has to say about some of his fellow laborers.

- Intro:
1. Those who helped Paul were many and he mentioned many of them here.
 2. Paul was one who gave thanks a lot for those who labored with him and helped him.

I. Fellow Servants

A. Phoebe (**Rom 16:1-2**)

1. She did many jobs according to Paul.
2. She was a faithful servant that should be helped.
3. She helped many people (**v.2b**)

B. Priscila (**Rom 16:3; Acts 18:2**)

1. Was a fellow worker
2. In some way risked her life for Paul (**Rom 16:4**; some say possibly during the unrest in Ephesus (Acts 19))
2. Assisted in teaching (**Acts 18:24-26**)
 - a. Women can be confident teachers
3. The church met at her house (**Rom 16:5**)

C. Mary (**Rom 16:6**)

1. Bestowed much labor on Paul
 - a. Numerous ways she could have aided him.
 - i. Meals, clothing, a place to sleep, etc

D. Persis (**Rom 16:12**)

1. Only woman with whom Paul used the word "beloved".
2. She did a lot of work for Paul
3. Her labor was in the Lord.
4. Her service lives on today

E. Rufus' Mother (**Rom 16:13**)

1. Her name became important because of her son.

II. Lessons for Us Today

A. No labor in the Lord is in vain (**1 Cor 15:58**).

1. Any labor has its ups and downs. However with the Lord, our labor will never be in vain.
2. Our labor requires us to leave some things and people behind so we can further the kingdom (**Mk 10:29-30**).

B. The dead have their works follow them (**Rev 14:13**).

1. How many articles have you read by those who have passed on?
 - a. Sermons
 - b. Books
 - c. Videos, etc
2. Our work in the Lord can live on.
 - a. We must remember this when we are working for the Lord.

Application & Conclusion:

1. These ladies were of great service to Paul and he showed great appreciation for them.
2. We too should be grateful for those who serve in the Lord with us.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9