

“Christian Ministry Exemplified”

Text: Romans 15:30-33

Scripture reading: Psalm 4

I. The minister’s exaltation – vv. 14-21

II. The minister’s anticipation – vv. 22-29 (previous studies)

III. The minister’s imploration – vv. 30-33

A) The _____ of urging – vs. 30

1. By Christ

Evaluation and application: Is it out of honor for Christ that I lift His servants up to Him in prayer?

2. With love

Evaluation and application: Do I pray for ministers and ministries with a heart of passion?

3. In partnership

Evaluation and application: How willingly do I share with others my needs in serving Christ, asking for their prayers?

B) The _____ of praying – vv. 31-32

1. For deliverance

Evaluation and application: How do I typically deal with obstacles and hardships in ministry?

2. For acceptance

Evaluation and application: Do I often ask for prayer for those I minister to, as well as praying for them myself?

3. For sustenance

Evaluation and application: In order to be refreshed, am I more likely to ask others to pray that hardships end, or that I am found in God's will?

C) The _____ of blessing – vs. 33

Evaluation and application: Do I find my greatest satisfaction in communion with the God of peace? How can I know His peace in fellowship with Him?

“To say... that God is the God of peace, is to say that He is the author of every blessing. The Spirit of God calls the good state of the conscience of the believer peace and prosperity, whatever may be his case regarding things external.”

Robert Haldane; Scottish author/theologian; 1764-1842

SERMON QUOTES:

A) The _____ of urging – vs. 30

1. By Christ

John Murray writes,
that Paul, “...*makes Christ Jesus his plea for compliance with his request. The fuller title ‘our Lord Jesus Christ’ adds force to the plea.*”

2. With love

Charles Hodge,
“*for that love of which the Holy Spirit is the author, and by which He binds the hearts of Christians together...*” we are to pray for ministers and ministries.