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**Romans 16:1-23: Grateful For People The Lord Has Put In
My Life**

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Outline of Chapter 16

Verses 1-2: Take good care of Phoebe.

Verses 3-16: Paul greets all the brothers and sisters in the church in Rome that he has been blessed by, and the ones that he had the opportunity to bless.

Verses 17-20: Paul warns them to watch out for people that can mess up the church!

Verses 21-23: Paul's friends (from Corinth) also send their greetings to the brothers and sisters in Rome.

Romans 16:1-2: Take good care of Phoebe!

*Phoebe a deacon (servant) of the church in Cenchræa...
(Romans 16:1)*



Every member a minister (διάκονος).

Phoebe lived this out.

*...she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.
(Romans 16:2)*

This means that Phoebe was a woman of means. She was wealthy, and she used her wealth to fund ministries and missionaries.

*Phoebe a deacon (servant) of the church in Cenchreae...
Romans 16:1)*



“An active member of the church!”
How about you?

Romans 16:3-16 ...to the ones who have blessed Paul and the ones he was able to bless...

Priscilla and Aquilla (3-5)

Co-Workers in Christ

They risked their “neck” for me!

Then encouraged many churches.

They currently had a church/HG meeting at their house.

Epenetus (5b)

I remember leading that guy to Jesus.

Apelles (10)

His name means “called” and Paul says Apelles has been tested and stayed faithful to God.

So, he was “called, tested, and approved.”

Tryphena and Tryphosa (12)

The root of their names means “to live delicately and daintily”, but Paul says they currently are working HARD for Jesus.

Persis (12b)

She “worked” very hard in the Lord.

Rufus (13)

Chosen in the Lord.

His mother was also a mother to me.

“A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.” (Mark 15:21)

God used ...

_____	to	_____	me.
_____	to	_____	me.
_____	to	_____	me.

God has used me to bless...

_____	by	_____.
_____	by	_____.
_____	by	_____.

People God might want me to bless...

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_____	_____
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Romans 16:17-20: Watch out for those who cause divisions or add to the GOSPEL!

“I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.” (Acts 20:29)

Romans 16:19 says: “Be excellent at what is good and innocent of evil! For the God of peace will soon crush Satan – yes God will crush him underneath your feet!”

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”” (Genesis 3:15)

Verses 21-23: Paul’s fellow workers in Corinth also want to say hi!

Erastus who is the city’s director of public works... sends his greetings... (Romans 16:23)



“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)