

Sermon Text: Romans 16:1-23

Sermon Title: Crucial Ingredients for Healthy Gospel Ministry: Affection and Warning

Opening Reading: Romans 16:1-16

Main Point: Healthy gospel ministries require us to share words of holy affection and holy warning.

Healthy gospel ministry requires us to share words of affection because:

1. Gospel affection protects ministry relationships (1-16, 21-23)

Two reasons:

- Gospel affection points Christians to their union with Christ.
- Gospel affection points Christians to their shared mission.

Two applications:

- Be on mission
- Show Christian affection while on mission

Healthy gospel ministry requires us to share words of warning because:

2. Gospel warnings protect our ministry faithfulness (17-20; 1:5; 16:26)

Reasons for the warning:

- The gospel has enemies (17)
- Those enemies tell people what they want to hear (18)
- Christians need to be wise about this (19)
- Christians need to be innocent of anything that hinders or compromises the faith (19; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; Galatians 1:8)
- There's only one gospel that crushes Satan's work (20)

Application:

- Be fiercely protective of Gospel doctrine.