

Win Friends & Encourage Believers

Romans 1:8-15

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Three **ways** to win friends & build believers:

I. By _____ For Them.

A. He thanked God for people's _____.

Romans 1:8 (NIV84) First I **thank** my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your **faith** is being reported all over the **world**.

1. " _____ my God" – **GK: εὐχαριστώ (eucharistō)**: from term for The Lord's Supper/Communion
2. _____ – **GK: πίστις (pistis)**: belief, trust, confidence; persuaded.

B. He remembered people in _____.

Romans 1:9-10 (NIV84) ⁹ God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the **gospel** of his Son, is my **witness** how **constantly** I **remember you** ¹⁰ **in my prayers** at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

1. _____ – **GK: μάρτυς (martyrs)**: **Vow or Oath** / Someone to whom an appeal can be made.

How are you _____ **faith**? Who are you (constantly) **praying for**?

II. By _____ Them.

A. Strive to _____ people spiritually.

Romans 1:11-12 (NIV84) I long to see you so that I may impart to you some **spiritual gift** to make you strong-- ¹² that is, that you and I may be **mutually encouraged** by each other's faith.

1. **Spiritual** _____ – **Not** charismatic gifts, but helping them **mature** in their faith.

B. Intentionally communicate your _____ for them.

Romans 1:13a (NIV84) ^{13a} I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I **planned** many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now)...

Are you intentionally _____ others? How?

III. By _____ The Gospel With Them.

A. With people _____.

Romans 1:13b (NIV84) ... in order that I might have a **harvest** among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles [**Non-Jews**].

1. _____ – **GK: καρπὸν (karpon)** = fruit, crop, bounty (**John 15:8**)

B. With people _____.

Romans 1:14-15 (NIV84) I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

1. _____ – Not financial but moral. **3rd party** (w/ Gospel)
2. _____ – Those classified as Non-Greeks.

Are you _____ God for opportunities?

IV. Summary

A. How we can win friends & build believers?

1. _____ God for their faith.
2. _____ for them constantly.
3. _____ the Gospel with them.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you learn from this teaching?
2. How are you EXPRESSING faith? Who are you (constantly) praying for?
3. Are you intentionally ENCOURAGING others? How?
4. Are you ASKING God for opportunities?
5. List one "action item" (something you are going to DO) that this message inspired you to take action on this week.