

The Ministry in the Will of God, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 15.
- B. Paul's goal was to do whatever was in the word of God.
- C. One who functions in the will of God functions with...

II. Precision. (Isaiah 52:15)

- A. Paul believed in providence.
- B. Paul believed that God ordered circumstances. (Proverbs 19:21)
- C. Nevertheless, Paul believed in planning. (1 Corinthians 16, 2 Corinthians 7:16)

III. Priority.

- A. The need of the church was greater than the evangelization of other places.
- B. Paul took a collection from the Gentile churches for the church in Jerusalem. (Galatians 2:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1)
- C. The churches gave because they had a desire to do so. The Gentile church owes its life to Jews. (John 4:22, Isaiah 2:3)
- D. Giving money was visible evidence that the Spirit had visited the Gentiles for salvation. (2 Corinthians 9:13)

IV. Prosperity.

- A. Some by virtue of an obedient life always live in blessing.
- B. Paul was always in the place of spiritual blessing because of obedience. (Philippians 4:17)

Application Questions:

1. How can you better make plans to advance God's kingdom?

2. How would you assess your own priorities in the ministry based upon the message?

3. Should we always expect spiritual prosperity when we are obedient? Explain.
