An Adequate Ministry
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Romans 15:14.

    B. Themes: the church at Rome and the ministry of the Apostle Paul.

II. Three great qualities the church at Rome possessed.

    A. Their motives were correct.

    B. They had no need of new knowledge understanding that God accepted them fully regardless of their works, the reality of their old nature, and the hope of what God was doing in them.

    C. They were capable of instructing one another—they had the full range of gifts.

III. There were three things the church lacked.

    A. They needed a bold reminder of the truth.

    B. They needed a priestly ministry.

    C. They needed to become a sacrifice unto God sanctified by the Spirit.

IV. Paul's ministry.

    A. The principles that he worked under.

        1. Paul's secret was not to speak of anything but what Christ did in him.

        2. God's work was the focus.

        3. Dependence on God over numbers is essential to the life of the church.

    B. Under the power that he worked. (II Corinthians)

        1. The Apostles, and only the Apostles, practiced these miraculous works.

        2. We do have the power of the Spirit though—the impact on human lives.

    C. The practice of his ministry.

        1. It involves flexible, persistent planning for the future that always involved others.

        2. He practiced the principle of sharing and he carried through on his responsibility.

        3. He trusted in the power of God.

V. The power of his ministry.

        A. The apostle appeals to prayer.

        B. Prayer is a weapon to fight in the spiritual combat.

        C. Pray for the protection from the unbeliever and their acceptance as well.

VI. The results of his ministry were Paul's visitation of Rome.

Application questions:

        1. Which principle of Paul's ministry stands out to you? Why?
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        2. Why was it necessary for Paul to be flexible in ministry?
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        3. What was the importance of prayer in Paul's ministry? What method of prayer are you/will you
        be using to engage God for the needs of the church on a daily basis? Explain.
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