



EPHESIANS

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The Belief-Sharing Disconnect



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Believe in Responsibility

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How to Share the Gospel: 5 Character Qualities

Lessons from Ephesians 3:1-12



Introduction: We Are All Called Stewards and Ministers

In Ephesians 3, Paul presents himself in two important roles that apply to every believer:

1

v2 Stewards of God's Grace

2

V7 Ministers of the Gospel

Every Christian is a Steward



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

- 1 Peter 4:10



"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

- Ephesians 4:12

1. Thoroughly Know the Gospel v3-6





The Desert Fathers: Early Examples of Gospel Service

Like Paul, the desert fathers withdrew from society not to escape but to deeply understand "the mystery of Christ." Their contemplation led to profound service:

Deep Knowledge

Humble Service

Bold Witness



2. Trust God's Power vv7-8



Human Weakness

Paul called himself "the very least of all the saints" - acknowledging his unworthiness

Divine Power

Yet God's power worked through him effectively to transform lives

3. Bring to Light the Gospel vv9-10

Cosmic Revelation

Our service has supernatural significance. When we illuminate God's plan, even heavenly beings learn about God's wisdom.

Church as Display

The church collectively reveals God's "manifold" (multi-faceted, multi-colored) wisdom



4. Boldly Proclaim the Gospel v12

1

Boldness

Greek *parresia*
- freedom of speech,
frankness,
openness that
comes from
certainty about
Christ

2

Confidence

Not self-
confidence but
God-
confidence,
based on His
unchanging
character







5. Endure Suffering for the Gospel v13

Serving the gospel faithfully will involve hardship. Christ himself promised his followers would face trouble (John 16:33). Yet this suffering:

- Authenticates our message
- Deepens our dependence on God
- Creates opportunities for witness

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Application: Prayer, Care, Share



PRAYER



CARE



SHARE



Share!

1

Separation from God

2

Sinfulness of Man

3

Savior

4

Response: Repent & Believe



Charles Spurgeon

***"If sinners be damned,
at least let them leap to
hell over our dead
bodies. And if they
perish, let them perish
with our arms wrapped
about their knees,
imploring them to stay."***

