

GREETING CARDS

Romans 16:1-16

Tonight we'll look at Paul's greeting cards and glean from them some important lessons as he remembers 29 individuals.

I. GREET CLOSE ASSOCIATES (1-7)

A. PHOEBE (1-2)

1. Paul's Commendation (1)
 - Here's a Christian convert and servant of the church
2. Paul's Recommendation (2)
 - Receive and assist her

B. PRISCA AND AQUILA (3-5a)

- An excellent and involved couple that we'll consider at another time

C. EPAENETUS (5b)

- Paul's beloved friend and the first convert from a particular region

D. MARY (6)

- A hard worker with whom Paul has personal knowledge

E. ANDRONICUS AND JUNIAS (7)

- Fellow prisoners with Paul who were highly regarded by the Apostles

II. GREET OTHER CHRISTIANS (8-13)

- Don't just remember those who are closest to you.

A. AMPLIAS (8)

B. URBANUS (9a)

C. STACHYS (9b)

D. APELLES (10a)

E. ARISTOBULUS (10b)

F. HERODION (11a)

G. NARCISSUS (11b)

H. TRYPHENA AND TRYPHOSA (12a)

I. PERSIS (12b)

J. RUFUS (13a)

K. RUFAS' MOM (13b)

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III. GREET CHURCH LEADERS (14-15)

A. THE FIVE AMIGOS CHURCH GROUP (14)

- Possibly a men's Bible study group

B. THE OTHER FIVE CHURCH GROUP (15)

- Perhaps a college and career type group?

IV. GREET BELIEVERS (16)

- The "one another" here is probably limited to those who are saved

A. GREET

- A command to warmly and respectfully address people

B. KISS

- Willingly show affection to others

C. REJOICE

- When remembered by others

CONCLUSION:

Paul appreciated people and kept track of some details about their lives.

He praised the praiseworthy and we should do the same.

How are you greeting others this Christmas?