

InsideOUT series  
Week 25 outline  
8.1.21  
Romans 16:17-27

## **A Final Plea, Lasting Promise, and Forever Praise**

### **I. One Final Plea: Don't Be Foolish and Follow Crazy**

*"I urge you"- "no, seriously, ...for real"*

#### **A. Watch Out (vs 17)**

*"watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. "*

##### **1. Watch Out For Those Who Cause Division**

-we are called to be unified in our diversity rather than divided by our differences

How am I working to create Unity or Division within the Church?

##### **2. Watch Out For Those Who Put Obstacles in Your Way**

-that are contrary to the teaching (sound doctrine) you have learned

-we are called to create opportunities rather than obstacles

Where do I create opportunities over obstacles for people  
to see, hear and respond to Jesus?

#### **B. Keep Away (vs17-18)**

*" Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people."*

*"keep away" literally to turn away from... stop following*

*-they don't serve Jesus, but themselves, with smooth talk and flattery to deceive*

ARE THE PEOPLE I'M FOLLOWING  
QUICK TO WALK, SLOW TO FORGIVE,  
EASILY OFFENDED, and HARDLY HUMBLE?

#### **C. Grow in Discernment (vs 19)**

*"Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil."*

*-"become experts in good, and not even beginners in what's evil" -JB Phillips*

Whose Voices are We Following?

1. Do they unify us under Scripture?
2. Is their focus on Jesus?
3. Do they align us towards good?

A FINAL PLEA:

STICK TOGETHER, BE WISE, DO GOOD.  
DON'T BE FOOLISH AND FOLLOW CRAZY.

## **II. One Last Promise: Don't let fear rob you of truth (vs20)**

*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.*

A LASTING PROMISE:

GOD'S GRACE WINS NOW. GOD'S PEACE WILL REIGN FOREVER.  
DON'T LET FEAR ROB YOU OF TRUTH.

## **III. One Lasting Praise: Don't Get Distracted and Fight the Wrong Battles**

**25** Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, **26** but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith — **27** to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

-Now to Him -the only wise God

A. A Church Firmly Planted by God

Who is able to establish: solidly planted you ...the Church.

-make fast, buttress, firmly fix support straighten, solidly plant

B. A Church Glorifying Jesus (making known the Gospel)

In accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

-proclaimed

-revealing, making known that which was once a mystery

C. A Church Living so that all the Gentiles (All Nations) might come

-“come to the obedience that comes from faith”

A FOREVER PRAISE:

PRAISE GOD! WE HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BY HIM, IN THE GOSPEL, FOR THE WORLD.  
DON'T GET DISTRACTED AND FIGHT THE WRONG BATTLES.