

"The Heart of the Minister

Romans 1:8-15

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What was the secret of Paul's success?

He had a heart for people.

What kind of heart did the Apostle Paul have? (4 answers)

- I. Paul had a thankful heart and he expressed it through words of encouragement to the believers in Rome. (v. 8)

- II. Paul had a prayerful heart and he demonstrated it by faithfully and continuously praying for the believers in Rome. (v. 9)

- III. Paul had a longing heart to visit the believers in Rome so that he might use his spiritual gift to build them up and so that he could be built up by them as well. (v. 10-13)

Three possible ways Paul was hindered in his coming to Rome:

1. The Holy Spirit hindered him.
2. The devil hindered him.
3. The pressing needs of the other churches he started hindered him.

- IV. Paul had an indebted heart to come to Rome to preach and teach the entire gospel which God had given to him. (v. 14,15)

HOMEWORK: