

MARKS OF TRUE SPIRITUAL SERVICE - RO.1:8-15

TRUE SPIRITUAL SERVICE IS CHARACTERIZED BY A:

- 1 THANKFUL SPIRIT** THANKFUL TO GOD FOR THEIR FAITH TESTIMONY
First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. (Ro.1:8)
- 2 CONCERNED SPIRIT** CONCERNED FOR WHAT THEY DO NOT YET HAVE
For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers (Ro.1:9)
- 3 WILLING SPIRIT** • WILLING TO BE THE ANSWER TO PRAYER
• HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME
¹⁰making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. (Ro.1:10)
- 4 SUBMISSIVE SPIRIT** EVERYTHING HAS TO BE ORDERED BY GOD'S WILL
making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. (Ro.1:10)
- 5 LOVING SPIRIT** PAUL'S LOVE WAS TO ESTABLISH THEM
For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established (Ro.1:11)
- 6 HUMBLE SPIRIT** WE CAN LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER
¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established ¹²that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. (Ro.1:11-12)
- 7 FRUITFUL SPIRIT** FRUIT CAN BE MEASURED AS ATTITUDE, ACTION, AND ADDITION
Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. (Ro.1:13)
- 8 OBEDIENT SPIRIT** PAUL SENSED A DEBT TO GOD, NO MATTER THE COST
I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. (Ro.1:14)
- 9 EAGER SPIRIT** HE SERVED WITH AS MUCH AS HE COULD MUSTER
So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. (Ro.1:15)