

**Sermon Title: The God Directed Purpose of a Called Leader**

**Sermon Text: Romans 15:14-21**

**Introduction: Romans 11:24-25; Acts 9:15-22; Acts 26:9-20; Colossians 3:12-17**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to an understanding that the purpose, plan, and prayer is directed by God.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 4 concepts Paul shares about his God directed call.**

**I. The purposeful call of a partner. Vv.14-15**

**II. The purposeful call of a priest. V.16**

**III. The purposeful call of a preacher. Vv.17-19**

**IV. The purposeful call of a planter. Vv.20-21**

**I. The purposeful call of a partner. Vv.14-15**

- A. The partner expressed confidence in his co-laborers. V.14a  
This is a result of salvation, followed by faithfulness, followed by proclamation, and maturity.
- B. The partner expressed confidence in their goodness. V.14b  
This is a reference to their high moral character and lifestyle.  
**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.  
**Ephesians 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
- C. The partner expressed confidence in their knowledge. V.14c  
The deep knowledge of God's truth in the gospel, or the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
**Colossians 2:2-3** that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and *attaining* to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, **3** in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- D. The partner expressed confidence in their ability to admonish one another. V.14d  
This is the idea of encouraging, warning, advising, counseling.
- E. The partner expresses confidence in his calling. V.15  
**Acts 9:27** But Barnabas took him and brought *him* to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.  
**Acts 13:46** Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.  
**Acts 14:3** Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.  
**Acts 19:8** And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

## II. The purposeful call of a priest. V.16

- A. The priest of Jesus Christ. V.16a  
**1 Timothy 2:5** For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,  
**1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.  
**Revelation 1:6** and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.  
**Revelation 20:6** Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
- B. The priest to the Gentiles. V.16b
- C. The priest of the Gospel of God. V.16c
  - 1. The offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable
  - 2. Sanctified by the Holy Spirit

## III. The purposeful call of a preacher. Vv.17-19

- A. The boast is in the glory of Christ Jesus. V.17a  
**1 Corinthians 9:16** For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!
- B. The boast is in the things which pertain to God. V.17b
- C. The initiator of Paul's work is Jesus Christ. V.18a
- D. The purpose of Paul's work is the Gentiles obedience. V.18b  
**Romans 6:17** But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- E. The means of Paul's work is the power of the Holy Spirit. V.19a
- F. The geographic location of Paul's work. V.19b  
Paul traveled through Asia Minor, Macedonia, Greece, the region included 1400 miles.
- G. The subject of Paul's work is the gospel of Christ. V.19c

## IV. The purposeful call of a planter. Vv.20-21

- A. The purpose of the planter. V.20a
- B. The plan of the planter. V.20b  
**1 Corinthians 3:6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
- C. The prophecy of the planter. V.21  
**Isaiah 52:15** So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.