

# God's Ready Servant

Romans 1:14-15

# Ready—To Teach

- Rom. 1:14-15 – Paul was ready to preach at Rome.
- Acts 9:20 – His readiness was immediately perceived.
- Heb. 5:12-14 – The Lord expects his children to develop, and teach.

# Ready—To Teach

- Why Be Ready To Teach?
  - 2 Cor. 5:10, 11, 14 – There will be a day of judgment.
  - Heb. 10:31 – It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.
  - 2 Tim. 2:1-2 – Faithful men, who are able to teach others, are to be about doing so.
  - Mk. 1:35-38 – In being ready to teach, we follow the example of the Lord.

# Ready—To Answer Inquirers

- 1 Pet. 3:13-16 – Be ready always to give answer.
- 2 Tim. 2:15 – In order to “cut it straight,” we must be ready.
- 2 Cor. 4:11-15 – Paul, as David, “believed and therefore also” spoke.
- Ezra 7:10 – Set the heart, to seek, to do, to teach.

# Ready—Unto Every Good Work

- Titus 3:1-2 – “be ready unto every good work”
- Titus 2:11-14 – To be zealous for such
- Eph. 2:10 – It is for this purpose we have been created.
- Jn. 15:16 – The Apostles chosen were to bear fruit, and our existence in Christ is evidence of that work.
- Heb. 10:24-25 – We are provoked unto love and good works: to provoke = “to excite to action or feeling; to stir up; to call forth; evoke”
- 2 Tim. 3:16-17 – The scriptures provide every good work, to which we are to put our hands.

# Ready—To Suffer For Christ

- 1 Thess. 3:1-4 – Christians are appointed to suffer afflictions.
- Acts 9:15-16 – Paul was to suffer for the name of Christ.
- Acts 20:18b-23 – And so it came to pass.
- Acts 21:10-14 – Paul was ready to so suffer.
- 2 Tim. 3:10-12 – “all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”

# Ready—To Suffer For Christ

- Requires a Prepared Mind:
  - Acts 5:40-42 – Rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor.
  - 1 Pet. 2:18-24 – “For hereunto were ye called.”
- Rom. 8:16-17 – “heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him”

# The Lord's Servant Must Be Ready

- To Teach
- To Give Answer
- Unto Every Good Work
- To Suffer For Christ's Sake

Are You God's Ready Servant?

2 Cor. 5:9