

²² For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you.

²³ But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,

²⁴ whenever I journey to Spain, shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy your company for a while.

²⁵ But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints.

²⁶ For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

²⁷ It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

²⁸ Therefore, when I have performed this and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain.

²⁹ But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

Romans 15:22-29

1. Sharing Plans to minister in Rome

- a) Hindrances that prevented the visit to Rome
- b) Many areas ministered at already
- c) A great desire expressed to visit Rome

2. Travel plans to Spain

- a) Desire to minister in Spain
- b) Rome is en route

3. Hoped-for Visit to Rome

- a) To see the Roman believers
- b) To be helped by the Roman Church
- c) To enjoy the company of the Romans
- d) To come in the fullness of blessings of the Gospel

4. Ministering to the saints in Jerusalem

- a) Gifts from Macedonia and Achaia
- b) Gifts for the poor saints
- c) The duty of the Gentile believers
- d) Reasoning:
 - i) Receiving spiritual blessings
 - ii) Sharing material blessings
 - iii) This is a seal of their true faith in the Lord

VITAL LESSONS

1. Meaningful fellowship
2. Planning of life and ministry
3. Showing practical care and concern for those in need
4. Cultivating a sense of duty to care for others