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# **Instruct One Another**

**ROMANS 15:14  
COLOSSIANS 3:16a**



**STUDY GUIDE**

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**WELCOME:**  
Fixing  
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**Suggested Icebreaker:**

Simon Says — A game where leader commands people to follow his instructions. But to keep oneself in the game, only when the instruction is preceded by the words “Simon says” does one follow the instruction. Those that follow any instruction not preceded by the words Simon says is out.

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**WORSHIP:**  
Adoring  
Our God

**Suggested song:**

[God will Make a Way](#)

# WORD & WALK:

## Understanding & Applying the Word

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### LESSON AIM

GG members will grow and mature spiritually by admonishing one another.

### INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Roman church seeks to establish his authority as an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since he was not the founder of the church in Rome, he delicately approaches this topic in the larger context of Romans 15 verses 14-16. Verse 14 is the manner by which Paul establishes rapport with the believers and within this verse, he expresses certain assumptions regarding the spiritual maturity of the Roman believers. He is essentially praising them. However, within these praises one can realize the necessity of what is being praised as basics in the Christian life.

### **Paul expressed his satisfaction regarding the believers in Rome (v. 14a)**

The Apostle Paul expressed a degree of satisfaction regarding the believers in Rome. Expressing satisfaction of others is a necessary expression of delight that encourages closeness and intimacy. We always feel positive when someone expresses their satisfaction of what we say or do. Praise however, must be sincere and specific, not just expressed in generalities.

1. What are some reasons why someone would be satisfied with another person?
2. How did Paul address the believers in Rome? What does this say about their relationship with one another?

### **Application:**

How do you express your satisfaction in what others have done? What are some reasons why you might hold back expressing your satisfaction?

### **Paul stated that the Roman believers are full of goodness (v. 14b)**

The Apostle Paul took note of an aspect of the character of the believers in Rome; that they are full of goodness. This is by no means small praise, for being full of goodness means to be morally excellent. This quality is not merely stagnant but is an outworked expression that benefits others. God is certainly good, and believers are to emulate the goodness of God.

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1. How would you describe a good person?
2. What are the qualities good people possess?

### **Application:**

How can you continue to develop a character of goodness in your life? What are some things that hinder you from doing so?

### **Paul stated that the Roman believers are filled with all knowledge (v. 14c)**

The Apostle Paul built on the previous point of praise for the believers in Rome, that they are full of knowledge. Knowledge is the result of the accumulation of experiences and learnings. Some are more knowledgeable than others. It appears that the knowledge of the Christians in Rome was something that was not only theoretical in nature but very practical and which was beneficial to others as well.

1. What do you think is the relationship of knowledge and goodness that the Romans had?
2. How can one be filled with knowledge?

### **Application:**

How would you rate your knowledge of God and His Word? How can you increase your knowledge of God while keeping yourself humble?

### **Paul stated that the Roman believers are able to instruct one another (v. 14d)**

The last praise item that Paul mentioned of the believers in Rome is that they had the ability to instruct one another. Other bible translations use “admonish one another,” which seems to be the preferable interpretation of the greek word, which means “to caution or reprove gently.” Admonishing fellow believers is an essential aspect to fellowship, growth in maturity, and christian accountability. The Christian life can be full of pitfalls and every step is rife with trial and temptation. To help others by warning them and counsel them about their behavior is essential because often we can be blindsided by our own ego or pride.

1. What is the relationship of goodness and knowledge to the admonishing of fellow believers?
2. What are some prerequisites before a person can instruct or admonish others?
3. What is the intended effect when one instructs or admonishes others?

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### **Application:**

What are some challenges that keep you from admonishing fellow believers?  
How do you usually receive admonition from others?

### **PRAYER ITEM**

Father we pray that we grow in goodness, knowledge and ability to admonish our fellow believers. Help us to do so because it reflects your character. This we pray in Jesus' name. ■



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