



- Paul served the Lord fervently. However, it wasn't without pain and hurt. But Paul did not _____.
- We must continue to serve God, even through disappointments.
- How could Paul continue to effectively serve the Lord, even after the disputes and disappointments of chapter 15? We see several keys in our text.

First, we must understand the need for

_____.

- After the painful falling out with Barnabas, does Paul get bitter and cynical, and decide to travel alone on his next missionary journey?
- No, but rather he chose _____ as his companion in travel. 15:40
- God put within us the _____ for human relationships (Genesis 2:18). As we serve God, we must serve Him together with other believers.
- *"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:6-7*
- *"In whom all the building fitly framed **together** groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded **together** for an habitation of God through the Spirit."*
Ephesians 2:21-22

- *"For we are labourers **together** with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9*

Second, we must possess an attitude of _____.

- *"For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became **as** a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, **as** under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, **as** without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I **as** weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you."*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- While we have no right to give up our liberty in Christ, we do have liberty to _____ up our rights. Galatians 5:1, 13

Third, we must exercise a _____ spirit.

- When you serve the Lord, it takes patience.
- *"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Romans 12:12*