

## The Koinonia of the Lord's Laborers!

### Romans 16:12-16

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*"Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. Greet Mary, who labored much for us. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord. Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine." (Romans 16:6-13; NKJ)*

### A. Be aware that the Lord calls you to \_\_\_\_\_ for Him!

*"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." (John 4:34-35; NKJ)*

*"For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." (1 Corinthians 15:9; NKJ)*

*"in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, ..." (2 Corinthians 11:27; NKJ)*

### B. Be knowledgeable about what your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

☞ Great labor #1: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Then He said to them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" (Luke 10:2; NKJ)*

☞ Great labor #2: \_\_\_\_\_ the Church \_\_\_\_\_!

*"Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." (Colossians 4:12; NKJ)*

*"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." (1 Timothy 5:17; NKJ)*

☞ Great labor #3: \_\_\_\_\_ to the Saints \_\_\_\_\_!

*"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, ...." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-4; NKJ)*

*"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6:10; NKJ)*

### C. Discover the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ labor in the Lord!

*"For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." (2 Corinthians 9:3-4; NKJ)*

*"By their approval of this service, they glorify God for your obedience stemming from your confession in the gospel of Christ, and for the generosity of your partnership with them and with everyone." (2 Corinthians 9:13; MOUNCE)*

*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5; ESV)*

