Paul's Final Advice Romans 16:17-27

I. <u>GUARD</u>: "keep your eye on" (vv.17-20)

A. Avoid: "turn away from them" (v.17)

- B. Ascertain: "For such men are..." (v.18)
 - 1. Enslaved: "slaves of their own appetites" (v.18a)
 - 2. Entrapping: "they deceive...the unsuspecting" (v.18b)

C. Accept: "I am rejoicing over you" (vv.19-20)

- 1. Responsibility: "be wise...and innocent" (v.19)
- 2. Relief: "God...will soon crush Satan" (v.20)

II. <u>GREET</u>: "greet you in the Lord" (vv.21-23)

A. Servants: "Timothy...Lucius...Jason..." (v.21)

- 1. "Timothy my fellow worker greets you" -
- 2. "Lucius my kinsmen" -
- 3. "Jason my kinsmen" -
- 4. "Sosipater my kinsmen" -

B. Secretary: "I, Tertius, who write..." (v.22)

* "Tertius, who write this letter, greet you" -

C. Supporters: "Gaius, host to me...Erastus..." (v.23)

- 1. "Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you" -
- 2. "Erastus, the city treasurer greets you" -
- 3. "Quartus, the brother" -

III. <u>GROUND</u>: "to establish you" (vv.25-27)

A. Empowered: "to Him who is able" (vv.25-26)

- 1. Message: "according to my gospel" (v.25)
- 2. Manifested: "has been made known" (v.26)
- **B. Enlightened:** "to the only wise God" (v.27)