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People, Protection, and Praise Romans 16:1-27

I. We are in the people business.

- a. Phoebe (v. 1.2)
- b. Priscilla and Aquila (v. 3,4)
- c. Epaenetus (v. 5)
- d. Mary (v. 6)
- e. Andronicus and Junia (v. 7)

- 1. "my countrymen" which most likely meant they were Jews like Paul.
- 2. "fellow prisoners" which apparently meant that at some unrecorded time they were imprisoned with Paul.
- 3. "of note among the apostles" which could mean that they were considered apostles by the early church or simply that they were highly regarded by the apostles.
- 4. "were in Christ before me" which is pretty self-explanatory. They were Christians before Paul.
- f. the rest of Paul's contact list (v. 8-15; 21-24)

II. We are in the protection business.

Three duties we all can perform to help protect the church:

- a. Observation (v. 17)
- b. Confrontation
- c. Separation (v. 17b, 18)

God does not want us to be naive about doctrine but He does want us to be innocent about evil.

III. We are in the praise business. (v. 25-27)