

# The Real Measure of a Human Being

## Romans 1.8-11

*“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong.”* Romans 1.8-11

The Bible says a lot about Christian character. There, we find that each of us is called to exhibit the character of Christ, and we see many examples of this kind of character. Today, we will see some examples of the character of Paul. Hopefully, we will see some things which we ourselves possess, and other things which we want.

In these few verses of Romans, let's take a look at some of the characteristics of Paul's life.

### The Power of Thankful Attitude

*“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.”*

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4.6

### The Power of Commitment

*“God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness.”*

*“As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other Gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.”* 1 Kings 11.4

### The Power of Consistent Prayer

*“God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers at all times.”*

*“Be joyful always; **pray continually**; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thessalonians 5.16-17

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with **all kinds of prayers** and requests. With this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying** for all the saints.”* Ephesians 6.18

### The Power of a Submissive Will

*“And I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.”*

### The Power of a Gracious Heart

*“I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong.”*

These attitudes of heart should be present in Christians who are seeking to mature. Where Christianity is genuine, Christians desire to serve. And, of course, it reflects the character of Christ.

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