

The House Of Stephanas

I. Introduction:

A. We should all want to be able to say that our households are faithful servants of the Lord (**Joshua 24:15**).

1. Whole families have been known to obey the Lord initially (**Acts 16:11-34**).

2. Furthermore, households have been known to continually be “in the Lord” (**Romans 16:11**).

B. Sadly, faithful households are not going to be all that common (**Matthew 10:34-39**).

1. Therefore, we want to learn from those that are faithful (**III John 1:11**).

2. So, what can we learn from what is written concerning Stephanas that will help each of us be faithful and to be a faithful pattern for others to follow within and without our own households (**Titus 2:1-8**)?

II. Body: **I Corinthians 1:10-17; 16:15-18**

A. Addicted [*“to arrange in an orderly manner, i.e. assign or dispose (to a certain position or lot)”*; Strong’s # 5021] to the ministry [service] of the saints (**Romans 15:22-27** and **Hebrews 6:10-12**).

1. Appointed themselves rather than needing to be told to do so (**I John 3:17-18**).

2. Having the compassion required to set one’s life in service to the saints (**Hebrews 10:34**).

B. Helpers of faithful brethren (**Romans 16:1-5**).

1. Such a mindset requires humility (**Philippians 2:1-8**).

2. Remember how the Lord views this matter (**Matthew 25:31-46**).

C. Dependable to step in wherein others can’t or won’t (**Philippians 2:25-30** and **Philippians 4:13-18**).

1. What do you think of those proclaiming to be brethren when they flee in times of need (**Mark 14:43-50** and **II Timothy 1:15; 4:10; 14-16**)?

2. Be sure to act instead of talk the talk (**James 2:14-17**).

D. Able to refresh those in need of such (**Philemon 1:4-7**).

1. Not just a “one-timer” (**II Timothy 1:16-18**).

2. Understanding how great a service it is to those in need of being refreshed (**II Corinthians 7:5-7**).

III. Conclusion: Be the brother or sister in Christ that is proven ALWAYS to be willing to step up where others don’t, won’t, or can’t (**Philippians 2:19-23**).