

SERMON NOTES

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Who Not to Listen To

Romans 16:17-23 | Trent Thompson

**Paul gives us marks of people not to listen to.
DO NOT listen to...**

People who want quick influence.

People who are divisive. (17)

People who teach false doctrine. (17)

People who are self-promoting. (18)

People who say only what they think you want to hear. (18)

APPLYING GOD'S WORD (For LifeGroups)

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LifeGroup Discussion Questions:

1. Read Romans 16:17-23. Why do you think Paul makes sure to include this warning before ending his letter?
2. Which words or phrases stand out to you in the passage? Why?
3. What did God use to get your attention this week in the sermon on this text?
4. Is there anyone you are currently letting influence you that has the marks of false leadership listed in this text?
5. How have you experienced good leadership and bad leadership in the church? Are any of the things listed in this text demonstrated in those experiences?
6. Do you see any of the qualities listed above in your own leadership (in whatever context that leadership takes place)?

How Has Romans Impacted You?

*How has God used Romans to shape your faith over the past two years?
Scan the QR code and share one lesson learned or one way you've grown.*



B.L.E.S.S. Question of the Week:

The holiday season is fast approaching! Are there any opportunities to B.L.E.S.S. someone close to you but far from God?

Memory Verse:

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

- Romans 16:17

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