Connect, Grow, Serve  
Romans 16:1-2  
Sermon Outline

A. Connect (vs. 1):

1. I commend – Paul is making known to this church his relationship with Pheobe in an effort for them to show kindness.
2. I commend – Paul's recommendation of Pheobe came out of respect and gratitude.
3. I commend – Paul's recommendations were almost always attached to his disciples.
4. I commend – Paul recommends Pheobe only because of her service (Mark 10:41-44).
5. I commend – It is service that made her mentioned in scripture not her secular credentials.
6. I commend – Who owns her time and energy?
7. Who is – The characteristic of Pheobe being a servant is one of her attributes.
8. Who is – The service Pheobe provided is not an act it is her nature.
9. Who is – God provided us all spiritual gifts (1 Peter 4:10) so that we can be His servants (2 Corinthians 3:4-6).
10. Receive – Paul desire that these brethren favorably accept Pheobe into their assembly.
11. Receive – It is our reputation for helping others do better that should create honor and respect.
12. Lord – Their acceptance of Pheobe is as one who has truly operated under the authority of Christ, master of her soul.
13. Lord – Pheobe deserves all the respect that scripture directs us to provide to those who serve Him.
14. Lord – Our service is a blessing when Christ is the master of our lives.

B. Grow and Serve (vs. 2):

1. Servant – Pheobe is someone who focus is to labor, who willingly works like someone working with their hands in the dust.
2. Servant – Pheobe served God with her whole heart no matter the cause or the need.
3. Servant – Pheobe was a woman of high regard but had no problem serving anyone.
4. Servant – Being a servant and providing service is essential to being a part of Christ plan for our lives (John 13:5-14).
6. Of the Church – Pheobe's work promoted and empowered the church (Ephesians 4:13,16).
7. Of the Church – Her continuous desire to faithfully labor is for called out believers who assemble together publically to worship Christ.

8. Of the Church – Without servants using their spiritual gifts the church is non-effective.

9. Worthy – Pheobe’s relationship with Christ is of the same as those who are held in high esteem because of their exemplary dedication to Christ.

10. Worthy – Pheobe’s service measures up to the Biblical giants of the pass.

11. Worthy – Pheobe’s godly character is representative of those who lived in total devotion to God.

12. Saints; Holy – Pheobe’s character is representative of those who consecrated their lives along deep devoted service to God. (Matthew 5:19)

13. Helper; Assist her; presenting – Paul request these believers to find a place beside Pheobe in the same way someone comes to a field to help harvest it.

14. Help her; Assist her; presenting – At a time where there are not as many hotels or conveniences as we have today, Paul request these believers to provide to Pheobe a helping hand that is as diligent as preparing and presenting a sacrifice to God.

15. Help her – Her dedication and devotion to God must be honored.

16. In whatever matter – It does not matter the level of complexity or whether or not it is a legal issue, Paul expects these believers to remain supportive of Pheobe.

17. In whatever matter – Supporting a true servant is to strengthen everyone else (Ephesians 4:13, 16).

18. May have; Done – They must consistently, because of her faith support her even if it means they to go to extreme means to meet her need.

19. Need – Their support of Pheobe should lack nothing. Their support of Pheobe should be so comprehensive she lacks nothing.

20. May have; Done – Pheobe herself has gone to extreme means to assist others so that they had all that they need - including Paul.

21. A helper – Pheobe’s service had caused her to rise to a level to high esteem among those she served.

22. A helper of many – Pheobe did not just serve Paul, she served all those in need.

23. A helper of many – Who we serve is not the issue, it’s why we serve.

24. A helper – Pheobe received the title of Prostate (helper) because she willingly helped the citizens of Athens, resident aliens who were without civic rights as well as strangers and the poor seeing to their welfare even if it meant legal protection.

25. A helper of many – A true servant of God changes lives and expands the work of the kingdom.