Marks of True Spiritual Service, Part 3 John MacArthur

I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1.
- B. There are marks of true spiritual service.
- II. A thankful spirit.
- III. A concerned spirit.
- IV. A willing spirit.
- V. A loving spirit. True love is always measured by what it gives.
- VI. A humble spirit. Paul did not see himself as a know-it-all. (John 15:16)
- VII. A fruitful spirit. (2 Timothy 2:6)
 - A. Fruit is in attitude. (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - B. Fruit is also what you do. (Romans 6:22)
 - C. Fruit is added people to the body of Christ. (Romans 16:5, 1 Corinthians 9:22)
- VIII. An obedient spirit. (1 Corinthians 9:16)
 - A. There are times when we serve simply because we recognize the debt we have to God.
 - B. There is a sense we have a debt to man also.
- IX. An eager spirit. (Acts 20:22, Romans 7, 2 Corinthians 5, Colossians 1:24, Philippians 2:27, Romans 1:15)

X. A bold spirit.

- A. Paul was not ashamed.
- B. We ought to be bold in sharing the gospel.

Application Questions:

1. What are the different ways Christians can bear fruit?

2. Why must genuine service accompany certain attitudes?

3. Which attitude do you need to work on the most? What is something practical you can do this week to grow in this area? Explain.
