

**Reflection Questions:** How does *Romans 16:17-20* speak directly to me? Is this passage relevant to my church? What can I do to prevent dissensions and hindrances? Do I know God's Word well enough to recognize false teachers? How can I get to know God's Word better in 2018? Have I ever been deceived by false teaching? What can I do to protect my church from doctrinal errors? Am I decreasing my involvement with evil?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*It is the nature of love to warn against harm to those whom it loves. The greatest harm against believers is that which undermines God's truth in which they live.*

*It is not necessary to sift through garbage to recognize it for what it is, and the more we are around it the more we pick up its stench.*

John MacArthur

*Beware the man who abounds in eloquent nonsense.*

Augustine

*The life of faith must be received with the innocence and purity of faith of a child (Mark 10:15) but lived in the maturity and reality of an adult who knows there is a war going on.*

Kenneth Boa

*Error is always harmful and sin is always destructive.*

*When you feel that bitterness or bickering rise in your heart against a brother or sister in God's family, you need to see it as an attack against God's goodness in your life.*

Mark Vaughan

*Compare Scripture with Scripture. False doctrines, like false witnesses, agree not among themselves.*

William Gurnall

*Doctrinal preaching certainly bores the hypocrites; but it is only doctrinal preaching that will save Christ's sheep.*

J.I. Packer

*Good conduct arises out of good doctrine.*

John Stott



Message #129: *Disarming the Divisive*

December 31, 2017

*Sermon*  
Notes

Ashland Bible Church  
[www.ashlandbiblechurch.com](http://www.ashlandbiblechurch.com)  
541-482-8644

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Why does Paul insert these verses (*Romans 16:17-20*) between two lists  
of greetings (*Romans 16:1-16, 21-24*)?

4. When you hear something doctrinally wrong, is your impulse to correct  
it right away or to smooth it over without any relational ripples? Ex-  
plain.

5. What is Paul's concern about those who cause division (*Romans 16:17-  
18*)?

What is their motive?

6. What is the difference between the disputable matters of *Romans 14:1*  
and the *dissensions* of *Romans 16:17*?

7. According to the following verses, how should we respond to those  
who teach false doctrine, cause dissension and division?  
*Matthew 18:15-17* —                      *1 Corinthians 5:11* —

*Romans 16:17* —

8. What do the following verses teach about false teachers?  
*Matthew 7:15-16* —                      *Ephesians 6:10-17* —

*Matthew 24:24* —

*Philippians 3:17-21* —

*1 Corinthians 6:13* —

*2 Peter 1:20-2:3* —

*2 Corinthians 11:13-15* —

*Jude 12-13* —

9. What strategies does Scripture give us for living godly lives in this fallen  
world?

*Matthew 10:16* —

*1 Corinthians 14:20* —

*Romans 12:9* —

*Philippians 4:8* —

*Romans 16:19b* —

*1 Thessalonians 5:21-22* —