INTRODUCTION:

1. Paul, in his address to the Ephesian elders, spake these wonderful words.
2. His strength of character has long been a source of strength for all saints -- Phil. 1: 13 - 14
3. In Paul's words we see calmness and self-possession.
   (1) This calmness and self-possession came because of his dependence upon God -- II Tim. 1: 11, 12; Heb. 11:6; Phil. 4:13
4. Devoted Christian's hearts are NOT filled with FEAR because of afflictions and external circumstances of life-- Matt. 10:28; Matt. 6: 24 - 34; Heb. 13: 5 - 6
5. Christians today must not be moved by these things, just as Paul was not moved -- I Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:23

I. SOME THINGS THAT FAILED TO MOVE PAUL:

1. Paul was not moved by FORMER RELIGIOUS TIES -- Phil. 3: 4 - 8; Gal. 1:13 -14
2. Paul was not moved by MONETARY consideration
   (1) Phil. 4:11-13
   (2) Acts 20: 33 - 35
   (3) I Tim. 6: 6 - 10
   (4) I Cor. 9: 12, 18
3. Paul was not moved by LOSS OF FAME
   (1) Gal. 1: 14; Phil. 3:8
4. Paul was not moved by PERSECUSIONS, BONDS, AFFLICTIONS -- Acts 20:23; Acts 21: 10- 14
5. Paul was not moved by being STONED AT LYSTRA -- Acts 14: 19 - 22
6. Paul was not moved when WHIPPED and PUT IN PRISON at Philippi -- Acts 16: 19 - 24
7. He was not moved by SEVERE CRITICISM -- II Cor. 10:10
8. He was not moved by FAILURE OF OTHERS -- Gal. 2: 11 - 14; II Tim. 4:10
9. He was not moved because of FALSE BRETHREN -- II Cor. 11:26; Gal. 2:4
10. He was not moved by being a PRISONER of the Romans -- Acts 28: 16 - 31
11. In II Cor. 11, he gives a long list of things that did NOT MOVE HIM -- II Cor. 11: 23 - 28
12. He was not moved by PERSECUSIONS and AFFLICTIONS -- II Tim. 3:11

II. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT MOVE CHRISTIANS TODAY, THAT SHOULD NOT:

1. The desire to be POPULAR
   (1) Many want all men to speak well of them, and if they stand up for the Lord they know they will be unpopular.
   (2) Jesus speaks on this subject
1. Luke 6:26
2. John 12: 42 - 43
   (3) Preachers won’t stand
   (4) Elders won’t stand
   (5) Christians won’t stand
   (6) Young people won’t stand
2. WORLDLINESS moves many:
   (1) I John 2: 15 - 17
   (2) James 4:4
   (3) II Cor. 6:17
   (4) Many members are worldly
      1. Immodest and lascivious in dress -- I Tim. 2: 9-10; Gal. 5:19
      2. Immodest and lascivious in behavior
      3. Many go mixed swimming
      4. Many go to vulgar movies
      5. Many dance
      6. Many are vulgar in talk
   3. FALSE BRETHREN move many -- II Cor. 11:26; Gal. 2:4
   4. FALSE DOCTRINE moves some:
      (1) Many have not studies the Bible as they should and have been carried with every wind of doctrine -- Eph. 4:14; Gal. 1:6
      (2) They believe what their favorite preacher believes -- I Cor. 4:6
      (3) II John 9 - 11
   5. The LOVE OF MONEY moves many:
      (1) Paul warns -- I Tim. 6: 6 - 10
      (2) Jesus warns -- Matt. 13:22; Luke 12:15
      (3) Heb. 13:5
   6. The LOVE OF PLEASURE moves many -- II Tim. 3:4
      (1) Some would rather go to a place of amusement than attend the services of the church
      (2) Some would rather watch TV than to study the Bible
   7. INABILITY TO GIVE UP LOVED ONES FOR CHRIST moves some
      (1) Matt. 10: 34 - 37
      (2) Luke 9: 57 - 62

CONCLUSION