

"NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME"

Acts 20: 22-24

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INTRODUCTION

1. Paul, in his address to the Ephesian elders, spoke 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.
 - a. This calmness and self-possession came because of his dependence upon God – 2 Tim. 1:12; Heb. 11:6.
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.
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

- a. Paul was not moved by FORMER RELIGIOUS TIES – Phil. 3: 4 – 8; Gal. 1: 13 – 14.
- b. Paul was not moved by MONETARY CONSIDERATION.
 - i. Phil. 4: 11 – 13
 - ii. Acts 20: 33-35
 - iii. I Tim. 6: 6-10
- c. Paul was not moved by LOSS OF FAME.
 - i. Gal. 1:14; Phil. 3:8
- d. Paul was not moved by PERSECUTION, BONDS AND AFFLICTIONS – Acts 20:23; Acts 21: 10-14
- e. Paul was not moved by BEING STONED at Lystra – Acts 14: 19 – 22
- f. Paul was not moved when he was WHIPPED AND PUT IN PRISON at Philippi – Acts 16: 19 – 24.
- g. Paul was not moved because of FALSE BRETHREN – 2 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 2:4.
- h. Paul was not moved by severe CRITICISM – 2 Cor. 10: 10.
- i. Paul was not moved by the FAILURE OF OTHERS-- Gal. 2: 11-14.
- j. Paul was not moved by being a PRISONER OF THE ROMANS – Acts 28: 16 – 31.
- k. In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul gives a long list of things that did not move him – 2 Cor. 11: 23-28.
- l. Paul was not moved by PERSECUTIONS AND AFFLICTIONS – 2 Tim. 3:11.

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

- a. The desire to be POPULAR.
 - i. Many want all men to speak well of them, and if they stand up for the Lord, they know they will be unpopular.
 - ii. 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.
- b. WORLDLINESS moves many.
 - i. I John 2: 15 – 17
 - ii. James 4:4
 - iii. 2 Cor. 6:17.
 - iv. 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 their talk.
- c. FALSE BRETHREN move many – 2 Cor. 11: 26; Gal. 2:4.
- d. FALSE DOCTRINE moves some:
- i. Many have not studied the Bible as they should and have been carried with every wind of doctrine – Eph. 4:14; Gal. 1:6.
 - ii. Many believe what their favorite preacher believes – I Cor. 4:6.
 - iii. 2 John 9 – 11
- e. The LOVE OF MONEY moves many.
- i. Paul warned – I Tim. 6: 6-10.
 - ii. Jesus warns – Matt. 13:22; Luke 12: 15
 - iii. Heb. 13:5
- f. The LOVE OF PLEASURE moves many – 2 Tim. 3:4.
- i. They’d rather go to a place of amusement than attend the services of the church.
 - ii. They’d rather watch TV than study their Bible.
- g. The INABILITY TO GIVE UP LOVED ONES FOR CHRIST moves some:
- i. Matt. 10: 34 – 37
 - ii. Luke 9: 57 – 62
- III. CONCLUSION