

**47. 26:20** "...and do works meet for repentance."

*(Repentance should bring a change in performance)*

**48. 27:21** "(Paul) ...said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss." *(Heed the warnings of the preacher -especially in the storms of life)*

**49. 27:35** "And when (Paul) had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat." *(Paul followed The Lord's example)*

**50. 27:42-43** "And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from *their* purpose..." *(Paul was such a compelling Christian that even the man charged with his imprisonment wanted him to live & deterred his own men from causing Paul's death -"Esse Quam Videri")*

**51. 28:5-6** "And (Paul) shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god." *(Beware -Men will think of us more highly than they ought when they see certain proofs)*

**52. 28:10** "...Who also honoured us with many honours; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary." *(God will use the heathen to provide for His people too)*

**53. 28:23-28** *(Paul knew his Bible! So should I!)*

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### The Acts of The Apostles

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## “Admonitions & Examples of The Faith”

### BOOK 1: Acts of The Apostles

(53 Directives for The Church)

Salvation of the soul (*Eternal Life*) comes only thru grace (*God's influence*) by the revelation of His Spirit inside of us. So how do we find the will of God after salvation? Only in the New Testament.

The Ten Commandments, Law, & Prophets (*The Old Testament*) were given to reveal the magnitude of man's sin & prove to all that we stand condemned for sin before a Holy God. The Old Testament was *never* for salvation of the soul & it cannot save today.

Only Jesus Christ could fulfill That Righteous Testament -& so He did. He came as a man, lived under The Old Testament, was legally & morally perfect according to that “old will”, & was tortured by sinners. Then He rose from the dead, started the Church, & gave them a New Covenant -A New Testament; His “new will” written down for The Church: written down for us.

Because His Eternal Spirit is inside of us; when we hear, read, or study this New Testament, it molds our will & shapes our lives for His purpose & our best. It encourages and rebukes; it convicts and then washes the guilty conscience as clean as a new-born. A short reading or hearing can give us a brand new start any time we absorb it & a working knowledge of it is the only way to mature in His will -because it *is* His will. Sometimes the changes are immediate, sometimes they happen over years of learning & practice.

This New Testament is the only true & tangible roadmap for life. Without it, we cannot know *how* to live or how to please Him after salvation. Beware those who reject it -they are not His children. For the Christian (*follower of Christ*), it is our most prized possession, teaching us His Will & purpose for our lives.

The Bible holds every answer. We have “ensamples” (*examples; models or patterns of behavior & lifestyle*). Then we have “admonitions” (*an appeal to the conscience, will, and reasoning faculties*). The Scriptures tells us that “...all these things happened unto them for ‘ensamples’: and they are written for our ‘admonition’, upon whom the ends of the world are come.” (I Corinthians 10)

The New Testament is His gift to save our lives & the lives of those we love -after His gift of Eternal Life has saved our souls.

**Oh! What a Saviour!**

**37. 20:27** "I (Paul) have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." (*Preach it all=STUDY! Never preach the same message because it was great*)

**38. 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (*Elder's duty*)

**39. 20:35** "I (Paul) have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**" (*To the elders –an admonition to work & give money*)

**40. 21:4** "And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days..." (*We should look for & can find people who are students of The Lord -hang around with them*)

**41. 21:17-26** Paul followed the ordinances of man & though he was persecuted, he got an audience with the ruler to testify of Jesus.

**42. 22:10** (Paul said) "And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**"

(*Obey now & we'll find out the rest when we need it*)

**43. 22:15** "...thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." (*We will always have a job if we are witnesses of His work*)

**44. 23:5** "...it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people." (*An Old Testament admonition that still stands in the New Testament*)

**45. 23:11** "...the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, **Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.**" (*God speaks, directs, & uses men –He can still use me & can use me with powerful people too*)

**46. 26:16** "And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee...**" (*The Lord always speaks for a reason –it is our life's purpose*)

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**30. 17:10-11** "...the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (*There are those who want God's Word -go & have courage!*)

**31. 17:31** "...he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained..." (*The world will be judged according to the standard set by Jesus Christ's life as a man*)

**32. 18:9-10** "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee..." (*If The Lord sends us, He will tell us what to say when we get there*)

**33. 18:25-26** "(Apollos) ...spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." (*The religious must be corrected if they don't preach grace*)

**34. 19:4** "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." (*Those who preach the message of John must be corrected*)

**35. 20:20-21** "I (Paul) kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (*Faithfully teach & testify to all men equally*)

**36. 20:24** "(Paul says) ...none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus..." (*I can be faithful with joy in ministry to the end of my life*)

**1. 5:31-32** "God hath exalted (Jesus) with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost..." (*The Church's job -& my job; is to exalt Jesus as God The Father has*)

**2. 8:21** (Paul to Simon)"... thy heart is not right in the sight of God." (*The lost are not right with God*)

**3. 9:15** (God to Ananias speaking of Paul) "...Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel..." (*God chooses & calls men to preach -I should be careful with accusations against them*)

**4. 9:31** (After Paul was confirmed by the brethren to be sent of God) "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied." (*If my brethren are convinced that God called me, the church will be at rest & grow in The Lord*)

**5. 9:36** "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." (*It is possible for me to be full of good works*)

**6. 10:6** (God to Cornelius of Peter) "...he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do." (*Men are sent by God with instructions for me. I should watch for them*)

**7. 10:7** (Cornelius) "...called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually..." (*We should use trustworthy men for God's business*)

**8. 10:20** (God to Peter) "Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them." (*When God sends, do not doubt*)

**9. 10:22** (The trustworthy friends of Cornelius to Peter) "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee." (*The reputation of a just man is published*)

**10. 10:28** (Peter testified) "...God shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean." (*Testify & teach all who will listen -He has people everywhere*)

**11. 10:33** (Cornelius says of Peter) "...thou hast well done that thou art come." (*God's people know when we obey & therefore some know when we don't*)

**12. 10:35** "...in every nation he that feareth (God), and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." (*God accepts all who fear Him & work righteousness*)

**13. 10:48** " And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord." (*Baptism is a command*)

**14. 11:22-23** "...they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." (*Elders know when the church is abiding in The Lord & therefore when it is not*)

**15. 11:24** (Of Barnabas) "...he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord." (*A man CAN be like this*)

**16. 11:26** (Of Paul & Barnabas) "...they taught much people." (*The church is to be taught & the elders are responsible for it*)

**17. 11:28** "...Agabus signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar." (*God warns His people of hard times to come*)

**18. 13:6** "And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus..." (*There are false prophets -beware*)

**19. 13:26** "...whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." (*It is for me*)

**20. 13:36** "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers..." (*David satisfied God's will -so can I*)

**21. 13:46** "...but seeing ye put (The Word of God) from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." (*We must turn from those who reject God's Word & find those who won't*)

**22. 14:22** "...we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom..." (*Expect the trials of life*)

**23. 14:23** "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord..." (*Elders are to be ordained in every church & set before The Lord*)

**24. 15:29** (The message the elders sent with Barsabas & Silas to the church at Antioch after refuting the teaching of the Law to Christians) "...abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well." (*Elders are ordained for the message of grace & further admonitions*)

**25. 15:38** "Paul (of Mark) thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work." (*Don't rely on those who won't do the work -take who will*)

**26. 16:15** "And when (Lydia) was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us." (*There are those who are faithful to The Lord -stay with them*)

**27. 16:18-25** (*If we're doing The Lord's business, we will have joy in persecution*)

**28. 16:26-34** (*The Lord can use our persecution to save our persecutors... If I'm praying for God to save those who persecute me, who do I think He will use?*)

**29. 16:35-40** (*The heathen should be held accountable if their persecuting is unjust*)