**Some Things That Could Not Move Paul**

**Acts 20.17-24**

**Introduction: Ever get tired, feel run down, just want to run away and hide somewhere? Ever feel that way about serving God? Unfortunately we sometimes feel like Elijah "I alone am left" or Jonah want to run away from the task God has given us. Paul faced a lot but he never gave up.**

1. Christianity is a religion (has a purpose) **1 Corinthians 15.58**

2. Paul had a goal and would not be moved from it, Acts **20.24;Phil. 1.20-21; 2 Timothy 4.7.**

3. We, too, need a " " mind, **Phil. 3.13; Colossians 3.1-2**

**A) Some Things That Could Not Move Paul**

1. , **Acts 20.23; 21.1-14**

2. Loss in his work (brethren falling away) **Galatians 4.11; 2 Corinthians 11.1-3**

3. brethren, **2 Corinthians 11.13-14, 26**

4. Criticism, 2 **Corinthians 10.10**

5. Failure of , **Galatians 2.11-13; 2 Timothy 4.10,16**

6. None of these things diminished Paul's work or his ***attitude***.

**B) Some Things That Move Others Away From God**

1. ties, **Matthew 10.34-39**

2. doctrine, **1 Timothy 4.1-4; 2 Timothy 4.4**

3. Discouragement (Forget past things) **Phil. 3.13-14**

4. Friendship with the world, **1 John 2.15-17; James 4.4**

5. Desire to be , **John 12.42-43; Galatians1.10**

6. Love of , **2 Timothy 3.4; Luke 8.14**

7. **1 Timothy 6.9-10** -- Things can move us away from God

**C) Reasons For Not Being Moved**

1. In due season we shall reap **if** you do not grow , **Galatians 6.9**

2. Affliction works for us a far more exceeding , **2 Corinthians 4.17**

 a. Endurance in the face of pain and suffering is hard

 b. God is not slack or uncaring; He will give us strength if we rely on Him

3. The faithful receives the of life, **2 Timothy 4.7-8; Revelation 2.10**

 a. Those who by faith

 b. Those who the faith

 c. Those who the faith

Conclusion: The Christian life requires effort, but with the help of God and the encouragement of his people you can do it.