

Acts: Church Blueprints

“Confidence in Battle”

Acts 12:1-25

Contemporary American Christianity is powerless primarily because it is prayerless. The ancient church existed in a hostile world of Jewish opposition and Roman harassment. They understood the need for prayer in everyday life. Prayer invites God’s power into the world.

1. Historical Background: Increasing Harassment (vv.1-5)

2. Church Blueprint: Providence and Prayer (vv.6-25)

- **God acts providentially in human affairs (vv.6-10)**

- **God answers the prayers of those who turn to Him (vv.11-17)**

- **God judges with finality those who oppose His Kingdom (vv.18-23)**

- **God defines victory for the church (vv.24, 25)**