

ACTS 14

Miracles DO NOT: Sanctify, does not renew the inner man after the image of God, it does not prick the conscience or soften the hard heart, give wisdom, or produce Love.

Miracles DO: Surprise, Alarm, display power and goodness, it cooperates the Word of God.

1Corinthians 6:9

5 Different types of people who hinder

1. Argumentative people who always take "the other side" are quick to imagine some evil in everything attempted, see no good in anything with which they are not associated with. That are fearful of things that are new.
2. Religious People, they seem to feel the "new" thing tends to undermine, and for which they consequently fight as if they were the truth of God.
3. People that cling to Traditions and ceremonies and fail to see that God may send forth floods of new life. They try with all of their might to hold back the Blessing in God's floods.
4. People who have no faith in the future and cannot trust God to oversee and overrule the future, even as he does the present and has done in the past.
5. People whose temporal position may be affected by the "new" thing.

How the hinderances affect the workers

1. Dishearten and depress some, usually the weak ones are affected easily.
2. Some will just continue the work and let the hinders say whatever they want.
3. Awakens the Spirit of the soldier in some... fight, fight, fight!!

We do not look for miracles, but we ought to look for "signs" that God is with us in the Word we speak and the work we do for others.

Romans 10:17

5 Points of Paul's sermon

1. Be converted - turn from Idols
2. Turn to the Living God
3. God created all things
4. God is longsuffering to sinners
5. Providence of God

5 Things Paul does on his way back Home

1. Confirms the People
2. Exhorts them to stay strong and to endure
3. Instructs them in the deep things
4. Organizes the Churches - ordained Elders
5. Showed an example of faith in prayer and fasting