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Acts 18

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5 When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself to preaching the word[b] and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Messiah. **6** When they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his clothes and told them, "Your blood is on your own heads! I am innocent.[c] From now on I will go to the Gentiles." **7** So he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. **8** Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, along with his whole household. Many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

9 The Lord said to Paul in a night vision, "Don't be afraid, but keep on speaking and don't be silent. **10** For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to hurt you, because I have many people in this city." **11** He stayed there a year and a half, teaching the word of God among them.

12 While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack against Paul and brought him to the tribunal. **13** "This man," they said, "is persuading people to worship God in ways contrary to the law."

14 As Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrongdoing or of a serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you Jews. **15** But if these are questions about words, names, and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of such things." **16** So he drove them from the tribunal. **17** And they all[d] seized Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal, but none of these things mattered to Gallio.

Corinth was ……..
About 48 miles west of Athens
Under the Romans seat of government for Southern Greece or Achaia
Noted for its wealth, and for the luxurious and immoral and vicious habits of the people.
A large mixed population of Romans, Greeks, and Jews
After an interval he visited it a second time, and remained for three months
Wicked

I. We learn how to finance a ministry

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3 Biblical ways to fund a ministry

(1) A person may be supported by their own means, which usually means that one earns the money required to live on by working at some kind of employment, a "secular job" if you would

(2) A person may be supported by those to whom he ministers

(3) A person may be supported by others than those to whom they are presently ministering,"

> 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, {how} working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and {so is} God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we {were} exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father {would} his own children, 12 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory (1 Thessalonians 2:9-12).

II. We see the importance of a proper community!

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III. We are challenged to be persistent

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> And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling (1 Corinthians 2:1-3).

How was Paul able to stand?

Christ own word

1 of 6 visions

God's presence

God's providential protection

IV. **We are reminded there is a time to "stop" preaching.**

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How do you know?

When you have preached Jesus

When God provides another harvest