

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 15

Review: *While we had previously focused on the "first tare in the church - Simon Magus", it would be tragic to overlook the story's main character - Philip the evangelist.*

I. The Clarion Call For Conscientious Co-laborers

- A) A Co-laborer will faithfully work well ALONG-SIDE others
- B) A Co-laborer will faithfully work well AFTER others
- C) A Co-laborer will faithfully work well APART others

II. Philip - A Conscientious Co-laborer In The Fellowship - Acts 6:1-7

- A) He selflessly served to promote UNITY
- B) He selflessly served to promote EFFICIENCY
- C) He selflessly served to promote MATURITY

III. Philip - A Conscientious Co-laborer In The Fields - Acts 8:4-25

- A) Aware that every harvest has many STAGES - I Cor. 3:5-9
- B) Aware that every harvest has many LABORERS - John 4:34-43
 - 1) John the Baptist had been laboring here - John 3:22-24
 - 2) Jesus the Christ had been laboring here - John 4
 - 3) The converts of Sychar had been laboring here
- C) Aware that every harvest has many OPPORTUNITIES - Acts 8:25
We should be sowing when we aren't reaping.

IV. Philip - A Conscientious Co-Laborer With The Father - Acts 8:26-40

- A) Knowing that we are ordained to certain ENDEAVORS - Eph. 2:10
 - 1) Arranged circumstantially to prepare the heart
 - 2) Arranged chronologically to present the opportunity
 - 3) Arranged specifically with your gifts and talents
- B) Knowing that we must observe certain ESSENTIALS - John 5:14-19
 - 1) Surrendered to the Father's will - Acts 8:26-28
 - 2) Sensitive to the Spirit's leading - Acts 8:29-30
 - 3) Sound in the knowledge of Scripture - Acts 8:31-36
 - 4) Solicit the appropriate response - Acts 8:37-38