

Lesson 88 Answers and Comments

Correction-Acts 1:16 should be Acts 2:16

Stablish	prudence	eyes	word
Children	mystery	understanding	God
Understanding	will	enlightened	quick
Understanding	known	know	powerful
Men	mystery	hope	word
Children	gospel	riches	Christ
Tossed	ambassador	power	you
Fro	speak	us-word	wisdom
Carried	secret	Lord	excellency
Wind	world	Jesus	knowledge
Doctrine	began	Christ	Christ
Rooted	spoken	God	Jesus
Built	mouth	Father	Lord
In	prophets	grace	know
Him	world	comfort	him
Stablished	began	stablish	
Faith	spoken	good	
Taught	Joel	word	
Thanksgiving	one	work	
Steadfast	man	Lord	
Unmoveable	one	faithful	
My	body	stablish	
Gospel	continue	treasure	
Jesus	things	earthen	
Christ	learned	vessels	
Revelation	assured	power	
Mystery	whom	God	
Wisdom	learned	not	

God's end, aim, goal for every believer is to: I Thes. 3:13 "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."

What a glorious truth and picture we have in this verse. Sometimes we can get distracted from this end. May we each keep this verse ever before us as we press on.

Lesson 89 “Ready to Preach the Gospel”

Acts 14:7, “And there they preached the gospel.”

Acts 14:21, “And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,”

We’ve seen before that Paul’s gospel is the mystery truth God revealed to him. We saw that Paul’s gospel saves sinners and establishes believers.

God wants the gospel preached!

Rom. 1:15, “So, as much as in me is, I am _____ to _____ the _____...”

A word that stands out in this verse is **ready**. This word has the meaning of willingness.

II Cor. 8:11, “Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a _____ to _____, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.”

Mark 14:38, “Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is _____, but the flesh is weak.”

What word does Matt. use in Matt. 26:41 instead of ready? _____

Do you ever say or hear things like, “I know I should do this or that but I’m just not ready yet.”

In Mark 14:38 we saw that the spirit is ready but the _____ is _____. What keeps us from being ready or willing is often times our flesh. We all struggle with our flesh.

Gal. 5:17, “For the _____ lusteth against the _____, and the _____ against the _____: and these are _____ the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”

We need not throw our hands up here in defeat. In vs. 18 we read, “_____ if ye be _____ of the _____, ye are not under the law.” And we already saw that the Spirit is **ready**!

Readiness has to do with a willingness of mind. We can know all the verses about the right thing to do but if there’s not a ready mind set then the performance will not be accomplished.

Paul was ready to preach the gospel. His mind was made up to do that which God had called him to do! God wants the gospel preached,

Rom. 15:19, “...I have fully _____ the _____ of Christ.”

Rom. 15:20, “Yea, so have I strived to _____ the _____...”

I Cor. 1:17, “For Christ sent me not to baptize but to _____ the _____...”

II Cor. 2:12, "Futhermore, when I came to Troas to _____ Christ's _____..."

II Tim. 4:2, "_____ the _____..."

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I Cor. 15:1, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the _____ which I _____ unto you..."

Over and over Paul tells us of this.

I Cor. 9:16, "For though I _____ the _____, I have nothing to glory of: for _____ is _____ upon me, if I _____ the _____!"

Paul was compelled to preach much as we find that Jeremiah was.

Jer. 1:17, "Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and _____ unto them all that I _____ thee..."

Even when Jeremiah didn't want to preach because of the persecution we find that he could not keep from speaking.

Jer. 20:9, "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak anymore in his name. But his _____ was in mine _____ as a burning _____ shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forebearing, and I _____."

Amos says in Amos 3:8, "The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath _____, who can but _____?"

Peter and John say in Acts 4:20, "For we cannot but _____ the things which we have _____ and _____."

Preaching the word of God was primary to these men; above convenience, above comfort, above money, above anything else!

Paul reminds Archippus in Col. 4:17, "And say to Archippus, Take _____ to the _____ which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou _____ it."

Paul encourages Timothy in II Tim. 1:8, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou _____ of the _____ of the _____."

There are afflictions that accompany the gospel. Our charge is to be a partaker of the afflictions for the sake of the gospel. If the greater and primary goal in our life is to preach the gospel nothing should interfere or interrupt the fulfillment of that ministry.

Paul was ready to preach the gospel to far away places.

II Cor. 10:16, "To _____ the _____ in the _____ beyond you..."

In vs. 14 of the same chapter we read, "For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are _____ as _____ as to _____ also in _____ the of Christ."

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I can't help but put my name where we read, "came as far as to you in preaching the gospel" Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! I thank God so often for the Sunday school teacher that preached the gospel to me at the age of 10. She was ready to preach the gospel! I am so thankful for her willingness to come week after week to a small, struggling, unimpressive little church to a tiny room with a handful of little kids who did not always pay attention and preach the gospel. It was there that I heard the gospel and was saved for all eternity.

If we each are so ready, so willing, so compelled to fulfil this ministry which we have of the Lord nothing should be able to cause us to cease until either illness or death or until we hear the trumpet sound and the shout of our Lord to take us home.