

# Good Ministry

## Acts 20:17-21

Paul began his ministry with one other person but eventually had a whole team traveling with him. Jesus had sent the disciples out two by two and Paul initially followed this example.

Paul found himself ministering to the Gentiles who had worshiped idols and statues of false gods. The Jews felt they did not need Jesus because they had the law, but the law could not erase away sin nor could one develop an intimate relationship with Jesus via the law. Judaism is a head religion and Christianity is spirit and heart. Other religions have an inability to personally connect you to God or tell you much about him.

The amazing thing about Paul's ministry is he went all out to win the people to Christ. Just as he was zealous in his prior attempts to destroy the kingdom, he became more zealous in his attempts to win people. He ministered day and night and went from house to house. He conducted three missionary journeys to win people and encourage those who had given their life to Christ.

One can imagine what we could accomplish today if we evangelized as Paul did. Think of how we could change the world if we were willing to tell the good news of the gospel everywhere; if we were compelled by the Holy Ghost to go out to the highways and byways. Someone could mentor us and we in turn mentor someone else. We are living epistles and ambassadors for Christ.

As we become more acquainted with the word of God we become strengthened in our inner man and our faith grows exponentially. We become unified in words and deeds leaning and depending on God.

Our goal should be to run the race that is set before us and finish so that we may win and receive the prize of the high calling of Christ Jesus. Lay aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us and run it with patience. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Stand strong in the Lord and the power of his might.