



ACTS:

A HISTORY BOOK

Living **IN YOU.**

VINTAGE IDEAS FOR LIVING TODAY

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY, 53-57 CE



Idolatry

Anything can be turned into a source of our hope and meaning, into our salvation or a type of god. Anything.

Idolatry

Parent's approval
kids doing well
money/career
your looks
achievement
political or social cause

Key Principal:

It's not about loving kids or career less, it's about loving God more in proportion to them.

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4. Paul returns through Macedonia instead of sailing to Antioch (Acts 20:3)

3. Paul sails to Macedonia (Acts 20:1-2)

5. Raising of Eutychus from the dead (Acts 20:7-12)

2. Riot during Paul's two-year stay (Acts 19:1-41)

1. Paul revisits Christian communities (Acts 18:23)

6. Paul returns to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 20:16)

Area of Jewish settlement

0 250 500 km

0 100 200 300 miles

Trouble, trouble, & MORE trouble...



Acts 20:1-4 When the uproar had ended [in Ephesus], Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said goodbye and set out for Macedonia. ²He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece, ³ where he stayed three months. Because some Jews had plotted against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.

Eutychus = “Lucky”



Acts 20:7-9 Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. ⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

Ephesian Farewell



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Everyone is a
PROMOTER.

What are you a
proponent of?

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Passion to share?

People who
are grateful.

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Influence?

Who (or what) has
the most influence
in your life?

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Influence?

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” –1 Corinthians 15:33

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“What Not to Do With Your Money”

- Dan Wilvers 5/30/10

1. Money is a tool and test.

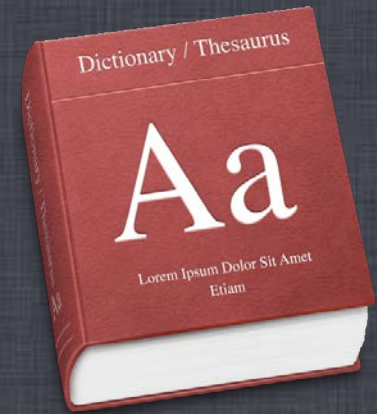
- a. It's a *TOOL* to be used for God's purposes in your life.
- b. Money *TEST* our character, values, priorities, and responsibilities.

Rejecting Greed. Growing in Generosity.

steward

-A person who manages another's property or estate.

-A person whose responsibility it is to take care of something.



asset manager

-A person responsible for controlling or administering a useful or valuable thing, person, or quality.

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THE
Leader.*

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