

“Determination and Fulfillment”

Acts 21:8-14

Introduction

- I. How much determination do we have?
- II. If we know something is so, will we endeavor to see it through?
- III. Paul is a great example of determination and fulfillment.

Discussion

- I. At one point in Paul's life, he was absolutely determined to go to Jerusalem.
 - A. Paul had been warned that by doing such, he would face obstacles (Acts 20:22-23; 21:1-4, 8-12).
 - B. Nothing was going to deter him from making the trip (Acts 20:24; 21:13-14; cf. Phil. 1:19-21; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
- II. How determined to go to Heaven are we?
 - A. Will rejection from family stop us (Matt. 19:27-30)?
 - B. Will rejection from friends stop us (1 Pet. 4:3-4)?
 - C. Will rejection from those that we teach stop us (Matt. 10:11-15)?
 - D. Will mockery and belittlement stop us (Matt. 5:10-12; cf. Acts 26:24; 1 Pet. 4:16; John 21:18-19)?

Conclusion

- I. None of us know for sure what will happen to us in this life.
- II. Do we have the determination to see things through, or we succumb to the temptation to stop?