

What Stopped Agrippa? Acts 26:24-29

While the answer is uncertain, we may suggest some possibilities

Love of Position

He was in a position of authority - **John 12:42-43**

Contrast with Paul - **Philippians 3:7-11; Galatians 1:10-11**

Contrast with Christ - **Philippians 2:5-8**

Can I help someone focused on worldly status?

Friends; Family; Job - **1Peter 4:4; Matthew 6:33**

Not Willing to be Persecuted

Agrippa (King of the Jews) knew persecutions of Christians. Before Agrippa, Paul stated that these things had not been done in a corner.

Paul - "I persecuted"; Stephen **Acts 7**; James beheaded **Acts 12**; Prophets

Many hate Christians - May lose friends, etc - **Matthew 5:11; 2Timothy 3:12**

Can I help someone deal with the reality of persecution? - **Acts 21:10-14; Matthew 10:28**

Love of Sin

Agrippa living in sin - Living with Bernice his sister - **1Corinthians 5:1-5; 2Timothy 4:4,10; 1John 2:15-17**

Sow our wild oats first - **Galatians 6:8; Hosea 8:7**

Can I help someone see how sin will deceive? - **Genesis 3:1-7; Mark 4:19; Hebrews 3:13; Romans 6:23**

Replace love of sin with love of truth

Delay

Agrippa may have had the idea of obeying later

Attitude of Felix - **Acts 24:25**

Contrast with attitude of Eunuch - **Acts 8:30-31; 34-36**

Social things – Busy with life now - **James 4:13-15**

Can I help someone see the urgent need of obedience? - **2Corinthians 6:1-2; Hebrews 2:1-4**

Procrastination is thief of time

It Could not Have Been:

A predetermination by God that he should not obey the gospel.

Lack of provision by God

Lack of knowledge or opportunity

Failure of HS to act on his heart

His wife's (or his sister's) disobedience

A lack of power in the word of God

But there must have been a lack of desire (will) to be saved.

"Almost"

Why did Agrippa not obey the gospel? We do not know for sure.

Would men today let any of the above keep them from serving God?