

## **We Need Men Like Paul** **2Timothy 4:6-8**

### **Another Lesson About Serving**

Consider Paul and his life for a moment - **Acts 9-28**

Damascus; Jerusalem; Tarsus; Antioch

3 Preaching Journeys; Circumcision Council

Imprisonment; Shipwreck

**Galatians 1:11-2:14; 2Corinthians 11:22-12:10**

Men of the faithfulness of the apostle Paul are greatly needed in the church today.

Men like Paul can transform a congregation, a community, and even a nation.

### **Fought A Good Fight**

(Not with carnal weapons, his fight was a spiritual conflict).

He fought to save others from the slavery to Satan, all through his life -- from his conversion to his death, he, as a follower of Christ worked to convert the lost.

Regarded no hardship too great a hindrance to preaching the gospel of Christ to the lost of his day.

He walked long dusty roads to reach the lost.

He endured the agony and pain of being stoned.

He was beaten.

He was cast into prison.

He fought to save himself - **1Corinthians 9:25-27**

He fought to defend the gospel (i.e., the truth) - **Acts 19:8-10**

### **Finished His Course:**

It is easy to begin a task, not so easy to complete it:

In the process of finishing his course, Paul practiced that which he taught - **Ephesians 6:13**

He stood under continued persecution.

He stood under many persecutions.

He was seduced, enticed, and attracted: but he stood.

Satan can accomplish more by enticing and attracting men than he can by driving them.

The persuasive power of attraction is a powerful weapon that Satan continually uses against men.

Paul could truthfully say at the end of his life, "I have finished my course."

### **Kept The Faith:**

His faith in Christ never wavered even though he was tested and tried many times.

He never altered the doctrine or his confidence in its power to save - **1Corinthians 15:1-5; Romans 1:16**

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The Lord can use more men like Paul today and in the future of His church.

You can be such a person today; won't you consider becoming a Christian.

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