

Acts 18:1

“After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth.”

Acts 18:11

“And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.”

I Corinthians 5:9

“I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people.”

Romans 16:17

“Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.”

II Corinthians 13:11

“Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Ephesians 4:1-3

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Philippians 1:27

“Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.”

Philippians 2:1-4

“Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

Philippians 2:1-4

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 4:2

“I urge Euodia and Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.”

Acts 5:29

"We *must* obey God rather than men."

John 3:14

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so *must* the Son of Man be lifted up."

Matthew 18:7

“Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!”

Donald Barnhouse

“In the ancient world, there was no banking system as we know it today, and no paper money. All money was made from metal, heated until liquid, poured into moulds and allowed to cool. When the coins were cooled, it was necessary to smooth out the uneven edges. The coins were comparatively soft and of course many people shaved them off closely. In one century, more than eighty laws were passed in Athens, to stop the practice of shaving down the coins then in circulation. But some money changers were men of integrity, who would accept no counterfeit money. They were men of honor who put only genuine full weighted money into circulation. Such men were called ‘dokimos’ or ‘approved.’”

Simon Kistemaker

“The proven believers are Christians who have been approved by God because they stood the tests he gave them. Tested in spiritual warfare, they are recognized among God’s people as genuine Christians. These believers shun things that pertain to worldliness. They love and obey God, adhere to Christ in faith, and demonstrate their loyalty to Him in church and society.”

Robertson and Plummer

“Divine Providence turns this evil tendency to good account: it is the means of causing the trusty and true to become recognizable. Either by coming to the front in the interests of unity, or by keeping aloof from all divisions, the more stable characters will become manifest. To have religious zeal, without becoming a religious partisan, is a great proof of true devotion.”

I Thessalonians 2:3-4

“For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.”

I Corinthians 9:27

“But I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”

God's Working

- 1) He is working continually

Psalm 121:1-4

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall my help come? My help
comes from the LORD, who made heaven
and earth. He will not allow your foot to
slip; He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither
slumber nor sleep."

God's Working

- 1) He is working continually
- 2) He is working benevolently

Romans 8:35-39

"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.'

Romans 8:35-39

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

God's Working

- 1) He is working continually
- 2) He is working benevolently
- 3) He is working universally

Matthew 16:15-18

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.'"

God's Working

- 1) He is working continually
- 2) He is working benevolently
- 3) He is working universally
- 4) He is working sovereignly

Philippians 1:29

“For to you it has been granted for Christ’s sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.”

James 1:12

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised for those who love Him.”

Galatians 1:10

“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.”

Hebrews 4:13

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”