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Lesson for October 11

PAUL IN CORINTH

LESSON TEXT—Acts 18:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—"Be not afraid, but
speak, and hold not thy peace."—Acts
4:13.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God Protecting
Paul.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Paul in Workshop
and Pulpit.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-
IC—Paul's Experiences in Corinth.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-
IC—Paul Plants the Church in Corinth.

1. The True Missionary Method (vv.
1-5).

Paul came to Corinth a stranger in
a strange city. He did not have an
advance agent to do his advertising.
His method in gaining a foothold in
Corinth was as follows:

1. Finding a Home (v. 2).

This he found with Aquila and Pris-
cilla, Jews, who were recently expelled
from Rome by the cruel edict of
Claudius.

2. He Told for His Daily Bread
(v. 3).

He was of the same craft with
them, being a tentmaker. Every child
among the Jews was taught some
trade by means of which he could
gain a livelihood, should occasion re-
quire.

3. Preaching in the Synagogue at
Corinth (vv. 4-5).

1. Though Compelled to Told for a
Living While Getting a Foothold in
Corinth, He Did Not Lose Sight of
His Main Work (v. 4).

He reasoned in the synagogue every
Sabbath, persuading the Jews and
Greeks. While the missionary should
not be above honest toil when nec-
essity arises, he must not allow toil
to interfere with preaching the gospel.

2. His Activity Was Increased
When Silas and Timothy Came (v. 5).

This resulted from three causes:

(1) They brought good news from
the church at Thessalonica (1 Thess.
3:6).

To hear of the steadfastness of those
who had confessed Christ under his
ministry, put new vigor into his la-
bors.

(2) They brought pecuniary gifts
from the Macedonian church (Phil.
4:15; II Cor. 11:9).

Being relieved from the necessity
of toiling for a living, he could now
devote more time and energy to the
preaching of the gospel.

(3) Silas and Timothy became as-
sistants to Paul in the work.

3. Paul Opposed (v. 6).

His increased activity was met with
increased opposition. As the Lord's
ministers become more aggressive in
their work, the ministers of Satan put
forth corresponding efforts in opposi-
tion.

4. Paul Announces His Purpose to
Turn to the Gentiles (v. 6).

Because of their blasphemy and op-
position, he ceased to work among
the Jews. There is a time when good
judgment causes one to abandon work
where efforts have been fruitless, but
it is difficult to know just when to do
it. Oftentimes lasting harm is done
to the work by pressing efforts when
people have turned against the
truth. Paul's declaration, "I am
clean," was a most solemn one.

5. He Did Not Go Far Away (v. 7).

He remained sufficiently near those
whose hearts God had touched that
they could easily find him. It is like-
wise true that although Christ is
obliged to depart from the soul that
refuses Him entrance, He lingers with
yearning love around that heart.

6. His Success (v. 8).

Crispus, the chief ruler of the syn-
agogue, was converted. Perhaps Paul's
severe action in turning away from
them moved Crispus to act.

III Paul's Vision (vv. 9-11).

His experiences since coming to
Europe were very trying. He needed
encouragement at this time. It is
just like the Lord to come at the
time of the servant's greatest need.
Note the Lord's words to him.

1. "Be Not Afraid." When one is
executing the commission of the Lord,
he need not be afraid.

2. "Speak and Hold Not Thy
Peace." The one who has heard the
voice of God cannot refrain from
speaking. He cannot be still.

3. "I Am With Thee." The Lord
is with every one who faithfully car-
ries out His commission.

4. "No Man Shall Set on Thee, to
Hurt Thee."

The one sent by the Lord to do a
work is immune from danger and harm
until his work is done.

5. "I Have Much People in This
City." It is most encouraging to
know that in the great cities the Lord
has His own people, and that the one
who goes in His name shall have fruit
for his service.

All Are His

It is not the high summer alone that
is God's. The winter also is His. . .
and all man's winters are His—the
winter of our poverty, the winter of
our sorrow, the winter of unhappi-
ness, even the winter of our discon-
tent.—George Macdonald.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

Few thoughtful men deny that per-
sistent intelligence and close alliance
are found among the forces of evil
and disruption still in the world, while
every soul is tested by the methods
used by the temper in the Judean
wilderness.

The gospel tells the story of how
Jesus met the chief of the hierarchy
of evil. The insolent adversary dog-
ged his footsteps and constantly
sought to injure him and his cause.

They came to grips in the wilder-
ness struggle of forty days ever since
commemorated by Lent, but, though
vanquished, the foe did not cease
challenging the Saviour of men.

The Church provides means and
grace for the necessary strength for
the combat that each individual must
have if he wishes to attain any de-
gree of character.

The Christ who met the evil one
and conquered him is in the midst of
his Church to furnish men with the
needed armor. He says, "Be of good
cheer, I have overcome the world."

"He is able to save them to the utter-
most that come unto God by Him."

WHY NOT GO TO CHURCH NEXT
SUNDAY?

Leading members are often mil-
lions.

Duty Street leads to Joyville.

Faithfulness is the only real suc-
cess.

Sin takes the song out of life.

Regeneration is never brought about
by refrigeration.

Play is contact with the realities
of life.

No lazy man ever found an easy
job.

Excuses are cheap. Only reasons
count.

Purpose is gas, going up, and a
bake, going down.

Not happiness but service is the
true object of life.

Three things to wish for—health,
friends and a cheerful spirit.

Fill the minutes well and they will
fill your purse.

God hears every earnest prayer,
whether spoken or unexpressed.

No beauty can be compared to the
beauty of a good life.

Successful character-building de-
pends largely upon attention to de-
tails.

Religion is not a pain remover, but
a comfort in time of pain.

Though we shout with the crowd
we shall be judged as individuals.

If you cannot smile a happy smile,
then smile a determined smile—but
smile.

Be sure you are right, go ahead,
and keep going until you get there.

Remember that your rights end where
the other fellow's rights begin.

It is a long way to perfect happi-
ness, but we have many guide-posts
along the way.

Prayer is not the act of a weakling,
but of a strong man who wants to be
stronger.

Next in power to the Spirit of the
living God, is the Spirit of a living
and determined man.

Our work is not drudgery, it is
only the spirit in which we do it that
can make it so.

Truth Rather Than Position

"I want a very fine weave in this
material," said a customer to a young
clerk, who knowing that such was not
in stock, said, "I am sorry, but we have
nothing with a finer weave."

The proprietor, hearing the conver-
sation was indignant and later said
to the clerk, "Why did you not show

other goods? You are here to make
sales and never to let a customer leave
if it is possible to sell him anything."

"But we did not have the quality in
the store that he wanted, and when he
asked me a plain question, to be hon-
est, I had to tell him that we had noth-
ing with a finer weave."

"Young man," said the proprietor,
"if you can't stretch the truth a little
to fit the circumstances, you will never
do for me."

"Very well, if I must tell falsehoods
in order to keep my place, I must
use it, that's all."

This clerk was Marshall Field, who
later became one of the kings of com-
merce, while the dishonest employer
became a bankrupt and died in pov-
erty.

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