

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." - 1 Cor 15:58

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"Ready, Willing, & Able"

As Christians, we are faced with many challenges. Some of these challenges may seem great & others may seem small. In ***Romans 1:13-16***, Paul tells how he was ready, willing, & able to meet the challenges before him. We would be wise to draw encouragement from his courage.

When we look at the life of the apostle Paul, he had a spirit of readiness. He was ready with everything he had, for any service, at any place since his conversion to Christ (***Acts 9:18-20***). Even in his writings to the Philippians, he was ready to the end of his life (***Philippians 1:19-21***). So, why was Paul so ready, willing, & able? What are we to gain by being prepared always? What challenge must we be willing to face as a congregation of God's people in this geographical location?

Why Was The Apostle Paul Ready, Willing, & Able?

Paul was prepared not because he was better trained or more gifted than other men, but because he was not ignorant of the cost of following Christ (***2 Timothy 4:6***). Paul was qualified to talk about salvation because he was a genuinely converted man (***2 Corinthians 5:17***). Paul was a sanctified man (***2 Timothy 2:21***). For these reasons, he was meet for the Master's use & prepared for every good work. The apostle Paul was a Christian of strong convictions.

- He believed & taught that all men are sinners who are lost & need to be saved (***Romans 3:23***).
- He believed & taught the gospel to be the remedy to saved men from sin (***Romans 1:16***).
- He believed & taught it was his responsibility to ring this message out (***1 Corinthians 4:1-2***).

Paul was a man of compassion, for he diligently made an effort to persuade men knowing the terror of the Lord (***2 Corinthians 5:10-11***). What would God be able to accomplish in Tucson, Pima County, & Southern Arizona, IF every Christian meeting here shared in Paul's resolution?

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