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# A WORTHY PLAN

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2 (PART 1); ACTS 16:1-15

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 (ESV)

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
so that whether I come and see you or am absent,

PHILIPPIANS 1:27 (ESV)

I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit,  
with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,



## PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2 (ESV)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2 (ESV)

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## ACTS 16:1-5 (ESV)

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer,



ACTS 16:1-5 (ESV)

but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup> Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him,



ACTS 16:1-5 (ESV)

and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

## ACTS 16:1-5 (ESV)

4 As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the



*ACTS 16:1-5 (ESV)*

apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.



## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Who do you need to ask to accompany you this year in serving Jesus?  
Who do you need to join in serving Jesus? You're not alone are you?

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PHILIPPIANS 1:1 (ESV)

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ACTS 16:6-10 (ESV)

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

ACTS 16:6-10 (ESV)

7 And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.



ACTS 16:6-10 (ESV)

- 8 So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.
- 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia

ACTS 16:6-10 (ESV)

was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> And when Paul had seen the vision,

ACTS 16:6-10 (ESV)

immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia,  
concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



*ACTS 16:7 (ESV)*

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PROVERBS 21:5 (ESV)

The plans of the diligent lead to profit  
as surely as haste leads to poverty.

PROVERBS 15:22 (ESV)  
Plans fail for lack of counsel,  
but with many advisers they succeed.



PROVERBS 19:21 (ESV)

Many are the plans in a person's heart,  
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

PROVERBS 16:9 (ESV)

The heart of man plans his way,  
but the LORD establishes his steps.

PROVERBS 16:3 (ESV)

Commit to the LORD whatever you do,  
and he will establish your plans.



2 Plan to **attempt great things** for Jesus in 2024, but **allow** the Spirit of Jesus to **redirect**.

ACTS 16:8-10 (ESV)

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3 When God brings **clarity**, and **He** will,  
**immediately** obey.



## HOW I HAVE RECEIVED CLARITY AND SEEN WHAT GOD WANTED

- Came from His word
- Came from Him closing doors and opening new ones
- Came from fasting
- Came from mentors and leaders God had placed in my life sharing what they saw
- It came one step at a time



WILLIAM CAREY

“Expect great things from God.  
Attempt great things for God.”

ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis,

ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.



ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup> And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside,

ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God.



ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And after she was baptized, and her household as well,

ACTS 16:11-15 (ESV)

she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

4 The ultimate plan of **God** is to **see people come to Jesus.**



5 MINUTES OF THEOLOGY  
with Dr. Dan and Pastor Dan

## WHERE IS GOD LEADING YOU?

What door has God closed that you need to go in the other direction?

What has God clearly shown you that you need to immediately obey?

How are you a part of seeing people come to Jesus?