

Some Lessons Learned At Philippi

Text: Acts 16:16-24

Introduction:

1. The above Scripture reference is just one of many examples of how the apostles and their message were received by the people of their day.
 - a. **Acts 2** (*on the day of Pentecost*) , **Acts 7** (*Stephen*)
2. While we don't have the miraculous powers that these first century Christians possessed, we often find ourselves up against the same attitude.
3. This morning we will examine these verses and see what lessons we can learn.

I. If You Are Going To *“Talk It,”* You Must *“Live It”*

- A. (**Acts 16:16-18**).
- B. Jesus once did the same thing (**Luke 4:34-35**).
- C. Not all advertising is good advertising.
- D. Before we dare proclaim the Christian lifestyle to others, we must first embrace it ourselves.
- E. (**Revelation 3:15-16**).

II. There Is Power In The Name Of Jesus

- A. (**Acts 16:18**).
- B. One cannot go wrong as long as what they do is *“in the name of Jesus.”*
- C. (**Colossians 3:17**).

III. People Will Manipulate Others For Their Own Benefit

- A. (**Acts 16:19**).
- B. (**2 Corinthians 11:14**) The Devil appears as an angel of light.
- C. (**Jude 16**) Flattering people to gain advantage.
- D. (**1 Timothy 6:5**) Godliness as a way of gain.

IV. Christians Will Suffer For Doing Good

- A. (**Acts 16:20-24**).
- B. (**John 15:18-19**) The world hated Jesus so it will hate us.
- C. (**2 Timothy 3:12**) All who live godly will suffer persecution.
- D. (**1 Peter 4:12-16**) Rejoice if you suffer as a Christian.

Conclusion:

1. Life isn't always easy. At times it's quite difficult.
2. But if your life is lived as a Christian; or in the Lord, then all the inequities of this life will be made right.
3. Would you rather suffer with Christ for a short while or suffer without him for eternity?