

Acts 24:1-27
Procrastination

Introduction:

Procrastination is the thief of time. Wisdom teaches us not to put off until tomorrow what we can accomplish today. Procrastination regarding spiritual things, the destiny of your soul is the thief of eternity. Three examples of procrastination in the Gospel accounts:

1. The Rich Young Ruler – Mark 10:21-23
2. The Rich Farmer – Luke 12:20
3. The Five Foolish Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

I. Jewish Prosecution – v.1-9

A. Tertullus the Lawyer – v.2-3

1. Paul is a troublemaker – “pest”
2. Paul is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect – (Acts 6:14; John 1:46; 7:41,52)
3. Paul tried to desecrate the temple – (Acts 23:28,29)

B. Application: Modern parallels of the Christian’s stance in the public arena and the courts – Psa. 94:10; 96:10 (Psa. 98:2; 102:15,44; 108:3)

II. Paul’s Defense – 10-21

A. Paul does not use flattery – Prov. 28:23; 29:5

1. I am not a troublemaker – v.1
2. I am a follower of the Way – Rom. 5:9,10 (Acts 9:2; 19:9,23)
3. I did not desecrate the temple – v.17

III. Rome’s Verdict – v. 22-27

1. Refuses to make a decision – “put them off”(Acts 23:26-30; Heb. 9:27)
2. Felix afraid but will not believe, **NOW**– II Cor. 6:1,2
3. Felix said, “when I find time” (Dwight L. Moody)

Conclusion:

1. ***Do not procrastinate your salvation. Felix did and died and appeared before the Divine Judge who does not postpone his judgments.***
2. ***One day we will all stand before our Righteous Judge. The Lord Jesus Christ. Come now while there is still time to believe – II Cor. 5:10***

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