

**POINT: STUBBORN** (Heb.10:35f / Jms.3:17)

**INTRODUCTION: LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** (19:21; see 16:6f; Ps.143:10; Rom.8:13,14)

**I. PERSEVERANCE AGAINST COUNSEL** (10-14)

- A. RESOLUTION IN THE SPIRIT** (19:21; 20:22; see Mt.4:1f(6:13); Lk.9:53; Phil.2:5-8)
- B. TESTED BY THE TESTIMONY OF THE SPIRIT** (4,11; 20:23; see Mk.8:31; 9:31; 10:33)
- C. TESTED BY THE OBJECTIONS & PLEAS OF FRIENDS** (4,12; see Mt.16:21,22; Jn.11:8)
- D. CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT** (13,14; 20:24; see Mt.16:23f)
- E. FRIENDS YIELDED TO PAUL'S CONVICTION** (14; see Jn.11:16; see Rom.14:4)

**II. SUBMISSION TO REQUEST** (20-26)

- A. RESOLUTION IN THE SPIRIT** (18,20f,25; see 15:2,13f,22,28)
- B. CORRECTION NEEDED TO DISRUPTIVE MISUNDERSTANDING** (21; see c.15)
  - 1. the Gospel: only Christ's obedience saves us* (20:21,24; see Rom.3:21f; Eph.2:1-10)
  - 2. Gentiles not obligated to become Jews in order to become Christians* (25; 15:19f,29 /Titus, Gal.2:3)
  - 3. Jews are not obligated to become Gentiles in order to become Christians* (21f /Tim., 16:3 /other traditions)
  - 4. J & G free from all traditions so make disciples* (1Cor.9:19-23; see Gal.5:13f,1f; Col.2:20f; Mt.28:19)
- C. PAUL BECOMES A JEW FOR THE SAKE OF THE JEWS** (20f,26; see 1Cor.9:20,22-23)
- D. PAUL YIELDED TO FRIENDS' CONVICTION** (18-26; see Jms.3:17)

**CONCLUSION: FOLLOW THE LEADER** (c.21)

- A. SEEK CONVICTION FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT**
  - 1. persevere in your own convictions when necessary* (7-14; Mt.16:23; Heb.10:35f)
  - 2. yield to the convictions of others when serviceable* (17-26; Jms.3:17; 1Cor.9:20f)
- B. APPLY MORAL TESTS FOR FOLLOWING SPIRIT** (Gal.5:16-26; Rom.8:13,14; see Is.30:21; 63:10-14)

**POINT: PERSEVERE IN AND YIELD TO THE WILL OF GOD** (c.21 /Jms.1:5; 3:13f; 1K.3:19ff)

Discussion question:  
*Brethren, what shall **WE do?*** (see Acts 2:37f)