

Scripture: Acts 15:36–16:12

Sermon: Pay Attention to the Leading of the Holy Spirit!

25 May 2014

POINT: GPS (Acts 1:8 vs. 15:36-16:12; see Ps.143:10)

INTRODUCTION: PEACEFUL DOGMA (15:2,24 /15:25,6f /15:31f; 16:4(22,25,28),5)

LESSON: THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A. APPOINT & ACCOMPLISH & APPLY IN CREATION & PROVIDENCE

(16:6,7; see Eph.1:11; see 2,3,13; 2:18)

B. THE SPIRIT PRESIDES *OVER* ALL THESE EVENTS (15:28; see 1f; 36f; see Gen.1:2f)

C. *OVER* THE VIGOROUS DISPUTE (15:39a; see 2f; see Eph.4:26; 1Cor.13:7)

1. narration without evaluation yet for consideration (see Rom.15:4)

a. Barnabas: encouraging Mark (15:37; see 4:36; 9:27; 11:22-25; see 1Cor.16:10; 1,2Tm.)

b. Paul: guarding mission (15:38; 13:13; see Lk.9:62; Jn.10:12)

2. lesson: warning of difficult providences vs. example for imitation (Eph.4:26 vs. Gal.5:19f)

3. effect: continued growth & multiplication (c.16-28; see 8:1f,4; 11:19f,21)

4. hope: gracious restorations (15:36-41 /1Cor.9:6 /Col.4:10; 2Tm.4:11; Phlm.1:24; 1Pt.5:13 /Gen.3:24)

D. *OVER* THE PROVISION OF LABORERS (15:39 /40(22,32); 16:1f (2C1:19; 1Th1:1; 2Th1:1); 1Pt5:12(13!))

E. *OVER* CLOSED DOORS (16:6,7; see 28:16f; Eph.,Phil.,Col., Phlm.; 2Tm.2:9)

F. *OVER* OPEN DOOR (16:9; see 10:1f,9f; Col.4:3)

POINT: PAY ATTENTION TO THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

(Acts 1:8; 2:4f,33,etc.; 15:28; 16:6,7; see Ps.143:10; Rom.8:28; Lk.12:32; Eph.4:14-21)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)