

**God's Kingdom On-mission:
Missionaries Every Day in Every Way
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Acts 16:16-40**

Lessons from Philippi - Part 2

Concerning Our Enemy: vv.16-18

1. Demons are real. v.16
2. Demons have power in the natural world & in the supernatural world. vv.16-18
 - Demons can possess people. v.16
 - Demons can exercise their power through people. vv.16-18
 - Demons can make their work look like blessings – they are master deceivers. vv.16-18
3. Demons are to be dealt with in the name of Jesus, not dabbled with in the name of fun. vv.18
 - The missionaries didn't allow the demon to continue testifying about them or Christ.
 - The missionaries didn't consult the demon about their own future.
 - The missionaries freed the girl from the demon.

Concerning Our Expectations: vv.19-24

When you take a stand for what's right in God's eyes, expect to be hated by the world. vv.19-24
Expect to be harmed. v.19
Expect to be slandered. vv.20-21
Expect to be treated unjustly. vv.22-24
Expect to lose your rights. vv.22-23
Expect to lose your freedom. vv.23-24
Expect to suffer. v.24

Concerning Our Actions: vv.25-34

1. Love God,
 - more in the worst of circumstances.
 - more when He seems to have deserted you.
 - more where it seems most inappropriate.

2. Love People,
 - more when they think you're crazy.
 - more when they don't deserve it.
 - more when you don't feel like it.
3. Change the World,
 - more when your faith invites God's power.
 - more when your faithfulness invites God's Spirit.
 - more when your service is selfless.

Concerning Our Courage: vv.35-40

1. Don't be afraid to use the laws of the land for God's Kingdom.
2. Don't be afraid to stand against injustice in God's timing.
3. Don't be afraid to glorify God & edify others with your testimony.

So what? I will serve as a missionary of Christ the King every day in every way.

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