

Mad Like Paul

(Acts 26:24-32)

- Introduction:
1. When the apostle Paul saw the Lord in a vision, he was told that he would speak to kings.
 2. This promise is partially fulfilled in his appearance before King Agrippa.
 3. In this lesson, I would like to examine four lessons from Paul's appearance before Agrippa.

I. Paul Had Courage

- A. (Acts 24:25)
- B. The Herods had done much harm in the past.
 1. Herod the Great - Killed the babies when Jesus was born.
 2. Herod Antipas - Beheaded John.
 3. Herod Agrippa I - Beheaded James.
 4. Drusilla - With Felix.
 5. Bernice & Agrippa.
- C. Paul didn't hesitate to speak the truth and was unwilling to soften his message.

II. Paul Had Constraint

- A. (Acts 26:24-25).
- B. He was accused of being mad!
- C. He didn't hurl insults of his own back at Festus.
- D. (Proverbs 15:1).
- E. (Romans 12:21).

III. Paul Had Confidence

- A. (Acts 26:29).
- B. He was so confident in his life and he was able to invite others to be like him.
- C. (2 Timothy 4:6-8).
- D. (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- E. We need to have confidence in our actions as well as our attitudes.

IV. Paul Had Contentment

- A. (Acts 26:29).
- B. His circumstances were far less than ideal.
- C. Yet he wasn't wanting to be like someone else, he was wanting others to be like him!
- D. Don't allow circumstances to rob you of contentment.
- E. Contentment is not achieved by where you are, but by who you're with.

- Conclusion:
1. Take courage by this great man of God.
 2. And try to develop these four qualities in your life.