

September 17, 2023
Acts 14:20b-28
“Things Worthwhile”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Vv 21-23, never count the small towns out, they often produce the men who will labor in the ministry. Here Timothy came from Lystra or Derby Act 16:1-3; Gaius from Derby Act 20:4. Read Acts 20:4 carefully to understand why many Lystra to be the hometown of Timothy. Even then one cannot be dogmatic about the hometown from which Timothy came.

Now they head out backtracking their steps. They go back to confirm the churches so recently established. They tell them the truth, expect hard times to follow after accepting the Lord Jesus as Savior.

Followup:

(1) They strengthened the disciples.

(2) They encouraged them to remain true, noting hardships were sure to follow due to their new faith.

(3) They established leadership.

They elected elders to lead them. They chose them only after **prayer** and **fasting** through the selection process. They commend them to the Lord’s care, the source of all truth and power.

Persecution is the normal state of Christians. Tribulations strengthen Believers.

God was with us—they reported.

Application:

A person who has been discipled two days should be able to teach/disciple a person who has only been discipled one day. Be sure to take the truths of God’s Word that you have learned from the Scriptures and share them with someone. Be sure to back up each lesson with the Bible. It is so sad to hear someone say, well I always heard . . ., and there is no biblical basis for their misguided beliefs. With the privilege of sharing your faith comes the awesome responsibility of sharing correct doctrine. God’s Word taught God’s way will build strong Christians every day.