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# Hindrances to Obedience to the Gospel

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HINDERANCES TO OBEDIENCE TO THE  
GOSPEL Acts 26:24-29

INT: Confrontation of Ananias & Saul: Acts 9:15-16. 22:14-15.  
Paul a successful-failure. Did preach, did not win all.

WHY?

- I. ACTS 26:24-29. King Agrippa II responded negatively. Why?
- A. Unbelief? **NO!** Verse 28. No denial, just refusal.
  - B. Woman? *Bertrice* **MAYBE.** Her credentials: His sister-mistress divorcee of Marcus, divorcee of her uncle, Herod, divorcee of King Polemo (of Cilicia), mistress of Vespasian & son, Titus, also Philip. Matt. 5:30.
  - C. Wealth? **MAYBE.** Mark 10:23.
  - D. Fame and political power. I Cor. 1:26. High price!
- CONCLUSION:** Hinderances to obed. to gospel always same

- II. ACTS 24:24-26. Governor Felix responded negatively. **WHY?**
- A. Ignorance and unbelief? **POSSIBLE.** God: II Tim. 2:15.
  - B. Woman? **MAYBE.** Druscilla, real wife of Azizus, king of Emesa. Living in adultery with Felix. Tricked.
  - C. Wealth, position, power and fame? **MAYBE.** Too busy. 25
- CONCLUSION:** Hard to be a success on **EARTH** and in **HEAVEN** too? Matt. 6:24.

III. NOTE SOME HINDERANCES OBSERVED TODAY.

- A. "I don't understand." Trying??? Acts 8:30-31.
  1. God's promise: **CAN!!** John 7:17. John 8:31-32.
- B. "My sins are too great". Than Peter's, Paul's? Is. 59:1
  1. God's promise: **FORGIVENESS!!** Heb. 10:16-23.\*
- C. "Don't think I can hold out." Can if **HOLD ON!!** IC15:9
  1. God's promises: John 10:27-29.\* I John 3:9-10.\*

INV: Highest consideration of Heaven & Earth: Sal. of souls.  
Everything possible done to aid lost man to be saved.  
II Pet. 3:9. Acts 17:30. John 3:16. Mk. 16:15-16.

No record of Agrippa's or Felix' conversion. Lost forever

**OUR PLEA:** Do not delay. Remind you of sentence:  
"Those people who expect salvation at the 11th hour,  
all too often die at 10:30." Risk too great!!!  
Come now !! Obey gospel. Rededicate. Identify!!

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THINGS THAT HINDER OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL

Acts 26:24-29

God desires that all men become Christians, His sons.  
INT: Agrippa could have been saved, sinful, yet a chance.  
The king was impressed by the gospel. Desire grew.  
What kept this interested man from obeying gospel?

I don't know  
I John 1:9

Matt 11:28

I John 1:7

John 12:42

STANDARD B & P "NOTES"

I. SOME REASONS GIVEN FOR NEGLECT TO OBEY. (False ones)

- A. My sins are too great! I'm not good enough!
  - 1. How good must a man be to be saved? A sinner!!!
  - 2. Suggesting that Christ can't save me. Too bad.
  - 3. Christ can remove 10,000 sins as easily as one.
- B. I don't think I can hold out! I'm not strong enough!
  - 1. Ever tried? Then how know can't make the grade?
  - 2. Who is holding out today without Christ? None.
  - 3. One more burden on Him wont matter one bit.
- C. Sins of the members bother me! Your own don't???
  - 1. Who is responsible for their sins? Your sins?
  - 2. If they'er lost, want to spend eternity with them?
  - 3. What about the successful members? Bother you?
- D. Afraid of what others would say! They your God?
  - 1. Doesn't stop us from doing other things!
  - 2. Does your salvation come from them, or Lord?
  - 3. Let gossip destroy your eternal happiness?
- E. I'm just confused! Plan to stay that way always?
  - 1. Jesus said the man with a will will succeed. 7:11
  - 2. Jesus offers freedom through His truth. J.8:32
  - 3. Diligent study is the only solution to chaos.

SOME REASONS NOT GIVEN FOR NEGLECT TO OBEY. (True ones)

- A. I have a dishonest and unrelenting heart.
  - 1. I've never fully admitted my sinful state. R.32
  - 2. I'm not nearly as good as I have thought I was.
  - 3. I am totally incapable of saving myself.
  - 4. I have been too stubborn to admit my faults.
- B. I have a seared conscience. Agrippa's problem???
  - 1. I once intended to obey but neglected it.
  - 2. I've found it harder after each failure to obey.
  - 3. I am now hardened and hardly care any more.
- C. I am too concerned with the things of the world.
  - 1. My job is always on my mind. It is my God.
  - 2. Cares of the world have me worried. No trust.
  - 3. Am too jealous of my good times, pleasures.
- D. I have lost my sense of appreciation for God.
  - 1. God is no longer real to me. Just a myth. Vapor
  - 2. I feel no dependence on Him for anything.
  - 3. I have become blind to the source of blessings.



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INV: Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people. John 14:1-3.  
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