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FOUR POSITIVE POSTULATES:
1. The soul is the most valuable possession of man.
2. Sin is the deadliest enemy of the soul.
3. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
4. Christians are the only people commissioned to carry the saving message to a lost world.

FOUR QUALIFIED QUESTIONS:
1. Are we as concerned about souls as we should be?
2. Are we as conscious about consequences of sin?
3. Are we as convinced about power of gospel?
4. Are we convicted for not carrying gospel to more souls?

MARK 16:15-16 teaches that the gospel is to be carried to all world in every generation regardless of world conditions. No qualifying remarks or reservations.

PAUL evangelized the world which was doubly hostile.
Both Jews and Gentiles fought him. Found out "God called him to a battleground and not a playground."

HIS EARLY LIFE FITTED HIM FOR THE BATTLE.
2. Schooled under Gamaliel. 22:3.
3. Sufferings led to furtherance of the gospel.

HIS CONVERSION PREPARED HIM FOR THE BATTLE.
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HIS SUFFERINGS, HIS ENTRANCE TO THE HEARTS OF RULERS.
1. Extensive sufferings listed. II Cor. 11:23-28.
c. Shipwreck at Melita, power over vipers. 28:1.

RESUME:
PAUL'S APPEARANCES BEFORE RULERS FULFILLED PROhecy. 9:15.

GOVERNOR FELIX HEARS THE GOSPEL.
1. Described: Former slave, cruel, mean and heartless.
   Spiritually dead, morally black. socially evil.
2. Paul's three-point sermon to Governor Felix, 25.
   b. Temperance. Strength of self-control. Little boy's definition: Turn down 2nd piece pie! His own example. I Cor. 9:27.
   c. Judgment to Come. Heb. 9:27. All must take their place. II Cor. 5:10-11.

CONCLUSION: *Felix trembled and postponed his decision.*

1. Chances were 1 in 1 million he never would.
   - 1 in 5,000 from 18 yrs. to 25.
   - 1 in 25,000 from 25-35.
   - 1 in 80,000 from 35-45.
   - 1 in 1 million 45-55.
   - 1 in 5 million 55-85.

Winston Churchill expressed the problem well: "Men occasionally stumble over the truth. But most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened."

"TOMORROW," greatest enemy of the soul. II Cor. 6:2.

NOW is most convenient time to obey gospel you'll ever have. B-R-C-B
R-P