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PAUL

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God seeks to make use of His people as vessels that are ready for every good work.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God called us to serve according to His will and way. He knows our hearts and directs our paths, and He seeks faithful workers to be His witnesses.
<i>Good Work</i>	Serve God according to His time and will. Be filled with the Holy Spirit in conduct and speech. Faithfully and diligently study the word of God.

A. Saul Before His Conversion – “Concerning the law, a Pharisee”

Why is Paul’s background important?

1. His background shows his reasons for persecuting the church: not out of wickedness, but out of misinformed zeal for God.
2. His background also gives us a proper perspective on Paul’s writings. We must read from his perspective as a Roman citizen and a learned Pharisee, without applying western thinking to explain his teachings.

B. Paul’s Conversion and Preparation – A Chosen Vessel, a Minister, a Witness (Acts 9:1–31)

When a great light shone around Paul, he fell to the ground and asked two important questions:

1. *“Who are You, Lord?”*: Jesus’ answer forced Paul to re-evaluate his beliefs; he realized that Jesus was, indeed, God.
2. *“Lord, what do You want me to do?”*: Paul humbly asked for guidance. God revealed to Ananias Paul’s future: a chosen vessel of God (Acts 9:15), a minister and a witness (Acts 26:16), and a minister to the Gentiles (Acts 22:21; 26:17).

Despite his training and education as a Pharisee and Roman citizen, Paul spent time meditating on God’s words for a few years before embarking on his first missionary journey.

C. Section C: Paul’s Ministry – “Poured out as a drink offering”

From the moment of his birth, Paul had been set apart by God to proclaim the gospel to all nations. He preached, performed miracles, and wrote letters of encouragement. In his final letters, he refers to his life of service as a “drink offering” (2 Tim 4:6–7; Phil 2:16–17). The zeal that drove him to persecute Christians transformed into devotion towards Jesus’ calling.

D. Paul’s Character

1. He was zealous and devoted to the faith as both a Pharisee and an apostle.
2. He was eloquent, sharp-minded, and bold in speaking the truth.
3. He was faithful to the end of his ministry, and he served until his life had finished its course.

Life Application

1. Serve God according to His time and His will
2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit in conduct and speech
3. Faithfully and diligently study the word of God

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Lesson 9 Homework Assignment

Paul

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (2 Timothy 2:15):

1. In your own words, explain the requirements for an approved worker of God.
2. What did God tell Ananias He had in store for Paul? Provide biblical references.
3. How did Paul prepare himself for the ministry? How can we prepare ourselves to serve God?
4. What were Paul's characteristics during his service to God?
5. Choose one of the above aspects and explain: (a) Why you think this aspect is important, and (b) How you can improve in it.
6. Why is serving God important to you? What can you do to ensure you remain as faithful as Paul?