

Conviction Or Convenience?

Acts 24:24-27

- ▶ **“Conviction”** – “a strong persuasion or belief: the state of being convinced.” (Webster)
- ▶ **“Convenience”** – “freedom from discomfort: ease.” (Webster)

Those Who Had Convictions ...

- ▶ **Job**
 - ▶ Prosperity taken away. Job 1:13-19
 - ▶ His wife tempts him. Job 2:9
 - ▶ Job had convictions. Job 1:22; 2:10
- ▶ **Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego**
 - ▶ Decree of King. Daniel 3:1-6
 - ▶ Cast into furnace. Daniel 3:20-21
 - ▶ Saved by God. Daniel 3:17,25

Those Who Had Convictions ...

- ▶ **Abraham**
 - ▶ Left Ur. Hebrews 11:8-9; Genesis 15:4-7
 - ▶ Promised a son. Romans 4:19-22
 - ▶ Offered Isaac. Genesis 22:1-5; Hebrews 11:17-19
- ▶ **Paul**
 - ▶ Had convictions. 2 Timothy 1:12
 - ▶ Willing to suffer. 2 Corinthians 11:23-27; Romans 8:18
 - ▶ Willing to die. Acts 21:11-13
 - ▶ Hope of reward. 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience ...

- ▶ **Jeroboam**
 - ▶ Golden calves. 1 Kings 12:28-29
 - ▶ For convenience. 1 Kings 12:26-27
 - ▶ Resulted in sin. 1 Kings 12:30
- ▶ **Judas Iscariot**
 - ▶ Listed as an apostle. Matthew 10:2-4
 - ▶ Loved money. John 12:4-6
 - ▶ Betrayed the Lord. Matthew 26:14-16

Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience ...

- ▶ **Pharisees**
 - ▶ Hearts not in religion. Matthew 15:8
 - ▶ Loved men's praises. Matthew 23:5-7
 - ▶ Hypocrites. Matthew 23:28
- ▶ **Rich fool**
 - ▶ Covetous. Luke 12:15
 - ▶ Thought only of self. Luke 12:17-18
 - ▶ At death, where were his treasures? Luke 12:20-21

Conviction Or Convenience?

- Why do you attend worship? John 4:24
 - In spirit and in truth?
- Why have you not obeyed God?
Acts 24:25
 - Because you are not convicted of your sins? cf. Acts 2
 - No convenient time?
- Why did you obey the gospel?
Romans 6:17
 - From the heart or in pretense?