

Acts 18:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

Analysis

'When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not' - responsiveness didn't guarantee immediate action. Paul discerned timing for extended ministry. The positive reception indicated future fruitfulness.

Historical Context

Paul's refusal despite the positive response shows discernment about divine timing. He returned later for extended ministry (Acts 19:1-20:1).

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do you discern between opportunity and divine timing?
2. What does delayed response to positive reception teach about trusting God's schedule?

Interlinear Text

ἐρωτώντων δὲ αὐτοῖς, ἐπὶ πλείονα χρόνον μεῖναι
they desired When them longer G4119 time him to tarry
G2065 G1161 G846 G1909 G5550 G3306

παρ' αὐτοῖς, οὐκ ἐπένευσεν
with them not he consented
G3844 G846 G3756 G1962

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