

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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