

Acts 20:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Analysis

'Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons.' Paul appeals to their knowledge of his consistent character. 'At all seasons' indicates unchanging commitment regardless of circumstances.

Historical Context

Paul's three years in Ephesus (Acts 19:10, 20:31) established deep relationship and visible ministry pattern. His appeal to their observation demonstrates integrity.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does consistent long-term character validate ministry?
2. What does 'at all seasons' teach about ministry in varying circumstances?

Interlinear Text

ώς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτοῖς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς Ὑμεῖς
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 18:19 (Parallel theme): And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

Acts 19:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

Acts 19:10 (Parallel theme): And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.