

Acts 24:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

Analysis

Paul systematically denied each element: no disputing with anyone, no stirring up crowds, no profaning temple or synagogue or city. The Greek structure emphasizes complete denial - 'neither... nor... nor... nor.' This direct refutation of specific charges, inviting verification, shows the strength of truth compared to vague accusations based on prejudice.

Historical Context

Paul's defense could be verified by multiple witnesses. His appeal to evidence rather than merely protesting innocence reflects confidence that investigation would vindicate him.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does walking in integrity allow you to invite scrutiny rather than fear examination?
2. What does this teach about the importance of maintaining conduct that can withstand investigation?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὔτε	ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ	εὔρον	με	πρός	τινα
And	neither	in	G3588	the temple	found	me	with	any man
G2532	G3777	G1722		G2411	G2147	G3165	G4314	G5100
διαλεγόμενον	ἢ	ἐπισύστασιν	ποιοῦντα	ὄχλου	οὔτε			
disputing	neither	raising up	G4160	the people	neither			
G1256	G2228	G1999		G3793	G3777			
ἐν	ταῖς	συναγωγαῖς	οὔτε	κατὰ	τὴν	πόλιν		
in	G3588	the synagogues	neither	in	G3588	the city		
G1722		G4864	G3777	G2596		G4172		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 25:8 (Temple): While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

Acts 28:17 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

Acts 24:18 (Temple): Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult.

