

Acts 24:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

Analysis

Felix's hope that 'money should have been given him of Paul' reveals corrupt motives behind his frequent conversations. What appeared as spiritual interest was actually attempted extortion, exploiting Paul's custody for financial gain. This demonstrates how religious curiosity without genuine faith can mask utterly self-interested motives.

Historical Context

Roman governors commonly expected bribes from prisoners seeking favorable treatment. Felix's notorious corruption (recorded by Josephus and Tacitus) made this attempted extortion consistent with his character.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you discern between genuine spiritual interest and self-interested manipulation?

2. What does this teach about maintaining integrity rather than buying your way out of difficult circumstances?

Interlinear Text

ἄμα	δὲ	καὶ	ἐλπίζων	ὅτι	χρήματα	δοθήσεται	αὐτῷ
also	G1161	and	He hoped	that	money	should have been given	him
G260		G2532	G1679	G3754	G5536	G1325	G846
ὑπὸ	τοῦ	Παύλου·	ὅπως	λύση	αὐτῷ	διὸ	καὶ
of	G3588	Paul	that	he might loose	him	wherefore	and
G5259		G3972	G3704	G3089	G846	G1352	G2532
πυκνότερον	αὐτῷ	μεταπεμπόμενος	ὠμίλει	αὐτῷ			
the oftener	him	he sent for	communed with	him			
G4437	G846	G3343	G3656	G846			

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