

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

ἄλα 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 λύσῃ αὐτῷ διὸ καὶ
of G3588 Paul that he might loose him wherefore and
G5259 G3972 G3704 G3089 G846 G1352 G2532

πυκνότερον αὐτῷ μεταπεμπόμενος ὡμίλει αὐτῷ
the oftener him he sent for communed with him
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