

One Man and a City

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I. Introduction.

A. Paul was one man against an entire city—Corinth.

II. Paul pursued his mission despite the problems ahead.

A. Paul did not feel sorry for himself despite being entirely alone.

B. Paul was broke, but he got himself out to work in order to impact Corinth.

C. We must start where we are with what we have.

III. God put special pressure on Paul to minister to the city.

A. Christianity is not just a special interest.

B. When a person is hemmed in by the Spirit of God in the area that he moves, he can know that wherever he moves God is taking him.

IV. Paul was so burdened by the Word and the Spirit that he went out to witness through and through.

A. He did this with tremendous sacrifice and intensity.

B. Our witness often lacks intensity and consistency.

C. It takes tough talking to change a city. Christians are responsible to God to share what they know. (Ezekiel 3:17, Genesis 9)

Applications questions:

1. What problems have hindered you from ministry? How does Paul's response impact your own perspective in these problems?

2. Why is it important to have a special burden from the Spirit for our mission?

3. In what ways can you be more faithful to share God's truth? Explain.
