



# *Lead The Way*

*Lesson by Ray Reynolds (July 17, 2012)*

Text: Acts 16:16-40



Introduction: Paul was great at preparing for the race and running the race, but he was exceptional at getting others to run with him. In our lesson tonight we will consider the story of the Philippian jailer and see how Paul led others to THE WAY (**John 14:6**). What can we gain from Paul's great example. Let's study together. . . .

Discussion:

## *I. The Conversions of Acts & Paul's Influence*

The Jews (**Acts 2**)

The Samaritans (**Acts 8**)

The Ethiopian (**Acts 8**)

Saul of Tarsus (**Acts 9**)

The Gentiles (**Acts 10**)

The Philippians (**Acts 16**)

The Athenians (**Acts 17**)

The Corinthians (**Acts 18**)

The Ephesians (**Acts 19**)

## *II. The Works of God in Paul's Life*

The Providence of God (**Romans 8:28, Matthew 28:18-20**)

The Power of God (**Romans 1:16, I Corinthians 1:18**)

The Provision of God (**I Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 13:5**)

The Protection of God (**Romans 8:31, Psalm 46**)

## *III. The Leadership of Paul*

Paul was able to bring sacred truth to irreverent lips.

**Acts 16:17, II Timothy 2:15**

Paul was able to show the contrast between selfishness and selflessness.

**Acts 16:18-21, Matthew 16:24**

Paul was able to extinguish error with the truth.

**Acts 16:22-24, Matthew 7:13-14**

Paul was able to lead worship and serve all wherever he went.

**Acts 16:25, James 5:13, Acts 5:41**

Paul was able to change lives by his example, his teaching, and his spirit.

**Acts 16:26-34, Acts 1:8-9, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16**

Conclusion: The gospel has the power to change us from the inside out. It changed Paul. He was moved to lead others. Will you let the gospel change your heart? If you have been affected by the gospel who are you telling about it? What changes have you made in your life? "*Find a leader. If you can't find a leader, be a leader!*" (from Viva Zapata) Are you leading the way?