

## Lessons & Observations from Acts 14

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1. Persecutions may arise and in many places during one's life.
2. Do not receive unto one's self that which rightly belongs to the Lord.
3. Where there have been problems, trials, and persecutions, the brethren need strength and encouragement.
4. Some will go to great lengths, and distances, to disrupt the Lord's Work.
5. "Have persecutions, will travel."
6. New congregations need regular attention and teaching.
7. Elders need to be appointed in every congregation.
8. Establish new works, yes, but do not forget or neglect the ones already established.
9. Mission reports are important.
10. Like Paul, we need to rise up from our adversities. **Acts 14:20**
11. The Lord will deliver us from our persecutions and afflictions. **2 Timothy 3:10-11**
12. Faithful Christians will suffer persecution. **2 Timothy 3:12** – "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."
13. Rehearsing what God has done through us can encourage others.
14. Do not let rehearsing what God has done through you become bragging.
15. Do not take the glory for what God has done through you. The glory belongs to God.
16. Like Paul and Barnabas, we need to fulfill our work. **Acts 14:26**
17. Work half-done is work left undone.
18. When we speak for the Lord, we should speak convincingly.
19. Many communities are divided over right and wrong.
20. Many communities are divided over truth and error.
21. Many homes and families are divided over truth and error.
22. Many congregations are divided over truth and error.
23. It is good to be able to walk physically; it is better to be able to walk spiritually. Don't be spiritually crippled.
24. God's Son did come down to us in the likeness of men.
25. People should still turn to the living God.

- 26, People can still have a zeal, but not according to knowledge. **Romans 10:1-2** – “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.  
2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”
27. God still fills our lives with good things.
28. The stones of men cannot stop the gospel of Christ.
29. Each needs to fulfill the work he is given to do. **Acts 15:26**
30. Some will try to use God's people “despitefully.” **Acts 14:5**
31. Brethren need to be exhorted to “continue in the faith.” **Acts 14:22**
32. In order to teach people, Christian must go where the people are.
33. Those who stand in opposition to the truth will:
- Make insinuations
  - Make false accusations
  - Spread rumors
  - Poison opinions
  - Deny the truth
34. Preachers can expect divided opinions
35. When weighing opposition, the Lord's servant must carefully weigh what is best for the spreading of the gospel of Christ.
36. There are even heathen and superstitious people in civilized and industrialized societies.
37. The living God is the only God who is to be worshipped.
38. The one and only living God possesses:
- Energy of life
  - Power of life
  - Force of life
  - Essence of life
  - Principle of life
  - Quality of life
  - Eternal life
39. Every Christian should be in the hands of God for Him to do as He wills.
40. New converts and new congregations need strengthening due to the danger of:
- Wavering
  - Being lured away
  - Returning to religious error
  - Returning to religious traditions

- e. Not praying faithfully
  - f. Not studying the Bible faithfully
  - g. Not teaching others
  - h. Not remaining faithful
  - i. Not growing spiritually
41. God does not hold us responsible for the other person's decision.
  42. Sow your seeds of the Good News on the best ground you can find in the best way you can, and leave the increase to God.
  43. When in doubt about God, look around and see the abundance of evidence that He is at work in our world.
  44. We should not live to please the crowd.
  45. We should live to please God.
  46. People, and crowds can be fickle. One moment they are for you, and in the next they turn against you.
  47. As Christian, we no longer belong to ourselves but to Christ, and for Him we must be willing to suffer if need be.
  48. All journey have both a beginning and an end . . . Including life's journey.
  49. Churches grow under a good, strong, and faithful eldership.
  50. In going forth for Christ, conviction rather than convenience, should be the determining factor.