

# Acts, Life in the Spirit

## Acts 24

### *Paul's 2 Years in Caesarea*

#### **I. The prosecution, vs. 1-4**

#### **II. The 3 charges, vs. 5-9**

#### **III. Paul's defense, (*what we can learn*), vs. 10 -21**

1. It is easy to become flustered when criticized, and not focus on the truth.
2. Stay calm using the power of prayer, thankfulness and trust.
3. Be prepared mentally and spiritually.
4. Care about who you are talking to.
5. Know who you are.
6. Speak with the greatest respect and honor.
7. Seek counsel, prayer and help during times of difficulty.
8. Be prepared to endure hardship

#### **IV. Paul talks to Felix and Drusilla, vs. 22-27**

#### **Discussion / Study Questions**

1. What are some of the most difficult situations for you to share about Jesus?
2. What is different in Paul's approach in chapter 23 and chapter 24?
3. Why is dependence upon the Spirit essential to the Gospel message?
4. Which of the 8 principles in this passage is the most difficult for you to practice?
5. Which of these 8 principles is the easiest for you to practice?
6. Paul stayed in prison for 2 years in Caesarea, How do you think his incarceration was part of God's plan?
7. Why do we have a difficult time seeing suffering and hardship as part of what God might ask us to endure for Him?
8. What stands out most to you in this passage?

**Memory verse:** *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.* 2 Timothy 2:15

**Next week's passage:** Acts 25-26

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