

the great divide

Acts 21:17–26

Paul would soon to assaulted and arrested. This was not evidence that he ignored the Spirit, but that he was at the Lord's disposal. Success was not to measured by how many in the city embraced his message, but in how faithful he remained to his Lord.

I. Warm Reception by the Church (vv. 17–26).

A. Giving God praise for all He had done (vv. 17–20a).

1. Paul's detailed ministry report.
2. Elders' glorious response (v. 20).

B. Giving Paul counsel for what was to come (vv. 20b–26).

1. What people had heard about Paul.
2. What Paul was asked to do to promote peace.

Conclusion:

1. Be eager to give God the glory for all blessings and success.
2. Be faithful in the face of opposition.
3. Be zealous for a diverse church that is unified.
4. Be willing to pursue peace and testimony, not rights and privileges.