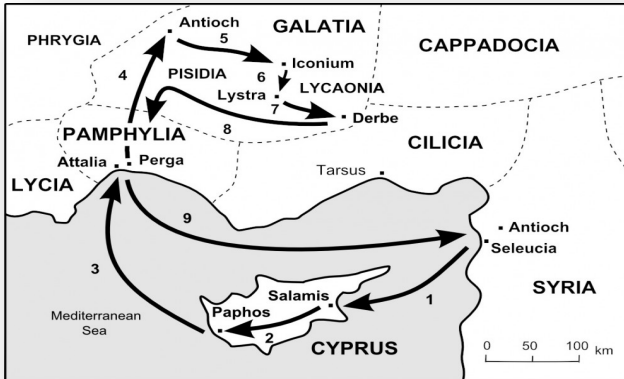




“<sup>31</sup>When you eat or drink or do anything else, **always do it to honor God.** <sup>32</sup>Don’t cause problems for Jews or Greeks or anyone else who belongs to God’s church. <sup>33</sup>I always try to please others instead of myself, **in the hope that many of them will be saved.**”

1 Corinthians 10:31



## Influencing people and pleasing God requires...

1. A will to discover God and His plans. (Acts 13:1-5)

“While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’” Acts 13:2

2. A will to confront deception. (Acts 13:6-12)

“...There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, who was an attendant of the proconsul...” Acts 13:6-7

3. A will to learn from mistakes . (Acts 13:13; 15:36-41)

“From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.” Acts 13:13

“Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.” 2 Timothy 4:11

4. A will to dialogue with grace . (Acts 13:16, 42, 44, 48-49)

“<sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them...Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak. <sup>16</sup>Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: People of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, **listen to me!**” Acts 13:15–16

“As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, **the people invited them to speak** further about these things on the next Sabbath.” Acts 13:42

“<sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup>The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.” Acts 13:48–49

5. A will to share the good news . (Acts 13:32-33; 38-39; 49-52)

“We tell you the **good news...**” Acts 13: 32

“<sup>38</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup>Through him **everyone who believes is set free from every sin**, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.” Acts 13:38-39

**Have you been set free?**