



Acts 5:11 - 16

The system works – a formula for success

Vs 12a **The apostles did what they were _____ to do**

- a. We know it was God's will (calling) for them to perform signs and wonders because that is exactly what the Holy Spirit _____ them to do.

- b. We also know it was God's will because the _____ result of these signs and wonders was the communication of the gospel and salvation of many men and women.

Question: What is God calling us to do?

- _____ we need to stop, as well as begin
- _____ we need to make, and back away from
- _____ we need to build, or let fall away
- _____ we need to get involved in, activities that we need to let go of
- _____ we need to communicate, topics we need to detach ourselves from

What results can we expect when we follow fully His call?

- Opportunities to _____ about Jesus as Savior
- Opportunities to _____ younger believers to maturity
- _____ health, longer life, more fulfilling life, _____
- Treasures in heaven that we cannot lose
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Vs 12b **The believers gathered together regularly and _____.**

- a. Solomons Colonnade was the only large, public, weather protected gathering place where groups could gather for fellowship and discussion
- b. It was right next to the _____, in the addition built by Herod.

Question: Are we gathering together as believers, having _____ conversations, living out our faith in the _____ eye.

- Meals in restaurants
- HBC decals on your car windows
- Deliberate, committed, regular church attendance

What results can we expect from this public Christian life?



Vs 13 **People were _____ to be seen with them, even though they _____ - who they were becoming**

- a. Some people are fearful and nervous around truly faithful Christians.

Question: What might happen if you continue to live this way in front of people who you make nervous and possible even fearful.



Vs 14 **More and more people _____ in the Lord**

- a. They continue to watch you closely, anywhere and everywhere they can
- b. They either walk away from you, or join you – as they either _____ or _____ Jesus as their Savior.

Vs 15-16 **People were attracted to what the group of believers had to offer them**

- a. People saw in this group the very things they were _____
- b. They sought out the Apostles and these believers to gain it themselves

Question: What are _____ displaying about our faith that attracts others.

Applications:

1. Stop worrying about what other people think of you and your faith.
 - a. let them watch
 - b. let them choose
 - c. let God work

2. Figure out what changes you need to make so that your faith is attractive.
 - a. figure out what behaviors do you need to stop
 - b. figure out what behaviors do you need to start
 - c. Start with the smallest and easiest to fix, then move up the list to greater things

3. Be prepared for your spiritual influence to increase.

Be prepared for your families spiritual influence to increase.

Be prepared for your churches spiritual influence to increase.

Be prepared to manage the growth of the church and the growth of your ministry as it happens.