

Where is My Mind Going?  
Acts 25

I. The Plot to Kill Paul (vv. 1-5)

John 8:44

John 10:10a

Ephesians 6:12

II. We battle against the flesh and the world (vv. 7-10).

a. The Flesh

- Romans 7:18 “nothing good in our flesh”
- Romans 13:14 “make no provision for the flesh”
- Galatians 5:17 “the desires of the flesh are against (lit. “to lie opposite to”) the Spirit”
- Philippians 3:3 “put no confidence in the flesh”

b. The World

- 1 John 3:13 “the world hates you (believers)”
- James 4:4 “friendship with the world is enmity (hatred) with God”
- James 1:27 “keep oneself unstained from the world”
- Romans 12:2 “do not be conformed to this world”

III. The Single-mindedness of Paul (vv. 18-22).

- Acts 9:15

- Single-mindedness is propelled by:
  - a. God’s love (2 Corinthians 5:14).
  - b. My brokenness, His power in and through me (2 Corinthians 4:7).

IV. Getting on the road to single-mindedness (Warning: this is not a formula!).

- a. Pray for a vision to see people how Christ sees them (Isaiah 6:1-7).
- b. Be willing to sacrifice: my obsessions (control), people, and possessions.
- c. Pray for His power to work in and through you (Ephesians 3:14-21).
- d. Remember, God’s love, my brokenness, His power.

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