

Seek My Lost Sheep



"Live in the Spirit"

Lesson 32

Acts 18:23-20:38; Galatians

- Would you feel comfortable using this talent or skill today?
- How successful would you be?
- What would you need to do to use this talent or skill as well as you did in the past?
- How can we develop the ability to recognize the promptings of the Holy Ghost?
- What will happen if we develop this ability and then neglect it?
- 1. Paul teaches, baptizes, and confers the Holy Ghost on believers in Ephesus. (Acts 18:23–19:41.)
- What qualities made Apollos teachable? (Acts 18:24– 28.)
- How did these qualities also make him an effective teacher?
- How can we develop these qualities?
- What spiritual manifestation occurred when some of the Ephesians received the gift of the Holy Ghost? (Acts 19:6.)
- At what other times had this kind of manifestation occurred? (Acts 2:1–4; 10:44–46.)
- What manifestations of the Holy Ghost are frequently experienced today? (D&C 6:15, 23; 8:2 also 1 Kings 19:12.)
- Why did Paul leave the synagogue in Ephesus and begin teaching in the school of Tyrannus? (Acts 19:8– 9.)
- How should we respond to people who criticize or oppose the gospel? (3 Nephi 11:29–30.)
- Why were Demetrius and the other silversmiths upset with Paul's preaching? (Acts 19:23–28.)

- How can concerns about material wealth or other worldly interests affect our loyalty to God?
- How can such concerns affect our ability to hear the promptings of the Spirit?
- How did the attitudes of Demetrius and the silversmiths compare to the attitude of the Ephesians who destroyed their sorcery books when they began following Jesus Christ? (Acts 19:18–19).
- How can we keep the proper perspective regarding earthly possessions?
- 2. Paul gives a farewell address to Church leaders from Ephesus. (Acts 20.)
- Believing that this would be the last time he would speak to the Ephesian elders, what did Paul emphasize in his farewell address? (Acts 20:28–35.)
- Who were the "grievous wolves" Paul warned about? (Acts 20:29.)
- Who else did Paul warn about? (Acts 20:30.)
- How can we guard against apostasy in our lives?
- What did Paul tell the Ephesian elders they should do to help protect Church members from those who would try to lead them away from the Church? (Acts 20:28; also John 21:15–17.)
- How can we help protect God's flock from "grievous wolves"?
- Paul concluded his address by reminding them of the Lord's teaching that <u>"it is more blessed to give than to receive"</u> (Acts 20:35). <u>How have you found this to be true in your life?</u>
- 3. Paul chastises and counsels the Galatian Saints.
- What was the purpose of the law of Moses? (Galatians 3:23–26; Jacob 4:4–5; Mosiah 13:29–30.)
- How was the law of Moses fulfilled? (3 Nephi 15:2–5; Alma 34:10; 3 Nephi 9:19.)
- Why would Paul be amazed that the Galatian Saints

- had returned to the law of Moses so soon after having learned the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Galatians 1:6; 4:9).
- Why did this return to the law of Moses show a lack of faith in the Lord? (Galatians 2:16; 3:1-5; 5:1-6.)
- In Paul's day, what were some of the ways some people sought to pervert, or change, the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Galatians 1:7–8).
- · What are some modern-day evidences of this?
- How should we respond to efforts to pervert the gospel?
- What can we learn from Galatians 1:11–12 about how we receive a testimony of the gospel?
- Why is it important that our testimonies are based on revelation from Jesus Christ?
- What are the works of the flesh? (Galatians 5:19– 21.)
- What are the consequences of doing these works? (Galatians 5:21.)
- Despite the prevalence of the works of the flesh in the world today, what can you do this week to improve the spiritual environment you live in?
- Paul encouraged the Galatians to seek the fruits, or results, of living by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 25).
 What are some of these fruits? (Galatians 5:22–23.)
- · How have these fruits been manifest in your life?
- What should we do if we feel an absence of these fruits in our lives?
- What did Paul teach the Galatian Saints about how to treat their neighbors? (Galatians 5:14; 6:2; also Mosiah 18:8–10.) How can we "bear ... one another's burdens"? How does doing so bring us closer to Jesus Christ?
- What did Paul mean when he said that "God is not mocked"? (Galatians 6:7; also D&C 63:58.)
- How do people mock God today?
- What does it mean that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"? (Galatians 6:7–9.)
- How does this principle apply to our ability to hear and follow the promptings of the Holy Ghost?
- How does it apply to our relationships with other people?
- How does it apply to other situations in our lives?
- What can we learn from Paul about teaching the gospel? (Acts 19:8–10, 21; 20:7–12, 18–24, 27, 31, 35–36. also 1 Thessalonians 1:5 and 1 Thessalonians 2:2–12)