

LIVING DANGEROUSLY.

Acts 15:26
and Esther 4:16

I. The Resolution of Esther. (4:16) -
"If I perish, I Perish"

1. Negatively - Not -

A. The Resolution of a fatalist

B. The Resolution of Desperation

2. But, Positively,

A. Love to God that was stronger
than death.

B. Devotion to Duty that was stronger
than timid compromise.

C. The Heroism of true piety,
which in providence faces only
one right course (and that full
of danger),
then counts the cost,
seeks God's help,
and calmly braves the danger.

II. The Spirit of Paul and Barnabas. (Acts 15: 26)

1. The Principles by which they were guided.

A. A deep love for Jesus Christ

B. Entire consecration to His service

(1). they were not temperamental.

A person who is Temperamental is usually 90% temper + 10% mental!

(2). The Xtn who is all profession and no consecration will go thundering down through history like an extra qt. of water over Niagara Falls!

(3). No room for proud ambition.

(a). the leader of the orchestra is more often than not the fellow who was willing to play second fiddle!

(4). Too many chiefs; not enough Indians!

C. Tender Compassion for lost souls

D. High Estimation of the Gospel

2. The Work they Undertook

A. Its object, "the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ"

B. Its Importance to them,

"hazarded their lives"

(1). They demonstrated the Patriotism of Heaven.

(2). they were workers - not kickers!

If you must Kick,
Kick toward the goal!

3. The Reward they Won - (congratulations on your new location!)

A. Satisfaction of soul.

keeping away from the mud is better than washing it off!

B. A Crown of Righteousness

C. the Master's Approval:

"Well Done"