



- I. To obey God fully, you don't have to understand fully exactly what He is doing at the time – vv. 12-14.
- A. After every mountain top, there is a descent and an engagement with everyday reality – v. 12.
 - B. Daily obedience does not require the comprehension of the fullness of God's plan – v. 13.
Luke 6:13-16
 - C. Consistent prayer is an important part of daily obedience – v. 14.
-Luke 8:2; 23:55; 24:10 /John 19:26 /Mark 3:11; John 7:5 /1 Cor 15:7; Mark 6:3; /Acts 12:17; 15:13; 21:18
Acts 1:24; 2:42; 3:1; 4:24; 6:6; 7:55-60; 8:14-17; 9:11; 9:36-43; 10:1-4; 10:9; 12:1-11; 13:1-3; and note 14:23; 16:13; 16:25ff;
Acts 20:36; 21:5; Acts 27:35; 28:8.
-Acts (1:14; 2:1, 46; 4:24; 5:12; 15:25; and note also 2:44
- II. God always identifies key leaders for His work and moves them to the places of prominence when they are ready – vv. 15-26.
- A. Godly leaders can identify the connection between the Lord's work and His word – vv. 16-16-
 - B. Godly leaders can see God's hand in all of life's events – v. 16.
 - C. Godly leaders do not waste opportunities – vv. 18-19.
 - D. Godly leaders are ready to stand and move forward on the basis of God's promises – v. 20.
Ps 69:25; 109:8
 - E. Godly leaders can confidently steer His people through changes and transitions – vv. 21-26.
 - i. They identify the issue (office)*
- *Biblical definition of the office of the apostle (Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:14; Luke 22:28-30; Acts 12:2):
1. The apostle is a witness to Christ's resurrection
 2. To qualify for the office of the apostle, one had to be:
 - Male
 - an eye-witnesses of Jesus
 - present with Jesus for the duration of His ministry (3yrs) – from His baptism by John, to His ascension
 - ii. They pray
 - iii. They act (Lev. 16:8-9; Num. 26:55; Prov. 16:33; Luke 1:8-9)
- III. Lessons from times of transition – let us NEVER:
- A. Despise the day of small things
 - B. Destroy the unity of fellowship among the believers
 - C. Think praying can ever be out of place.
 - D. Mistake idleness for waiting.

The Big Idea: Praying and waiting on the Lord are the activities of the obedient followers of Christ during transition periods in God's economy.