

PAUL, THE APOSTLE

Moving to Maturity –Acts 9:20-22 (ESV)

I. Solitude and Shaping – Acts 9:22 (ESV)

Step 1: Arabia's Solitude and the Lord's Shaping – Galatians 1:12, 16-17 *sel* (ESV)

The Importance of Solitude

- How Blinded we are by our Perspective
- Jesus Practiced Solitude Often – (Mark 1:12-13)
- God Used Solitude/Silence to Develop People for Service – Ecclesiastes 3:1-7 *sel* (NLT)

What's so Great about Solitude

- Saul got to know God better – Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10 *sel* (NIV); Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

Saul's Solitude Lessons

- Saul shows us how to Own our Sin and deep need for God – Romans 7:18-19 (NLT)
- Saul Realized how the world tricked and tried Him – Colossians 2:8 (NLT)

Step 2: Paul, what a Change! – Galatians 1:18-19 (ESV)

Step 3: Paul Realizes God's Call on his life – Gentile Bound - Acts 11:26 *sel* (ESV)

II. Gaining and Growing as we are Going

- God wants us to Grow in Sin Shunning – Romans 6:6 (KJV)
- God wants us to Grow in Knowing our Spiritual Newness – 2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)
- God wants us to Grow in the idea of Serving God Freely – Romans 6:18 (KJV)
- God wants us to Grow in the Greatness of Jesus' Grace – 2 Peter 3:18 (KJV)
- God wants us to Grow and Ripen the Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)
- God wants us to Trust and Follow Him – Romans 15:13 (NIV)
- God wants us to Deepen Our Resolve – 2 Corinthians 4:8-11 (NASB)
- God wants us to Develop Self Discipline – Romans 12:9-18 (NLT)