

Hard Sayings - A Contradicting Spirit?

"For God is not a God of confusion but of peace." 1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV)

If we _____ ourselves, people stop _____ us.

Did The Spirit Give Paul Conflicting Instructions?

- A. Acts 21:3,4 - Paul was going to _____. But some _____, through the _____, warned him not to.
- B. Did Paul reject the Spirit? Did the Spirit contradict Himself?
1. Acts 19:21 - Paul _____ in the _____ to go to Jerusalem.
 2. Acts 20:22,23 - Paul was _____ by the Spirit to go, though _____ and _____ awaited him.
 3. Acts 21:10-14 - _____ warned Paul that the Holy Spirit told him he would be _____ in Jerusalem.
 4. Acts 21:4 - So was the Spirit telling Paul _____ to go? Was He contradicting Himself?
- C. McGarvey: "The _____ was supernatural; the advice was the result of [the disciples'] own _____."

Principles For Approaching Hard Sayings Of The Bible

- A. Some who are _____ charge that the Bible contains _____ which prove it to be a _____ - _____ book.
- B. Presuppositions about the Bible we should have:
1. 2 Peter 1:20,21 - This book came to us from _____. The men who wrote it were _____ along by the Spirit, and then it was _____ ("Scripture").
 2. Psalm 119:160 - If this is a book from a _____ God, then its statements must be _____.
 3. 2 Peter 3:15-17 - Some _____ in the Bible are hard to _____. We must take _____ to not be led away with the _____ of others.
 4. 2 Timothy 2:15 - We must use _____ in our study of the Bible, making sure we _____ handle it.
- C. 1 Corinthians 14:33 - God is not the author of _____.

Acts 20:26,27 - The Bible is the _____ of God.
Bible students should seek to know the _____ of it.

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