

Devotional Thoughts :: WE NEED MORE TROUBLEMAKERS! by David Wilkerson**WE NEED MORE TROUBLEMAKERS! by David Wilkerson - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/9/23 10:01**

I pray that every member of the Body of Christ will become a troublemaker! We need an army of troublemakers so full of the Holy Ghost that they will agitate New York City and every other city around the world; stir up their wicked institutions; challenge the established dead churches; trouble the leaders, the mayors, the city councils, the community leadership! In other words, we need Holy Ghost troublemakers moving in the Spirit, proclaiming the kingship of Christ so effectively that whole cities are stirred.

Paul and Silas were two of the world's biggest troublemakers! The Bible speaks of "men that have their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 15:26). Paul, Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy were such men, walking in the power of the Spirit. As seen in Acts 16, when the Holy Ghost forbade them to speak the Word in Asia, they obeyed. When they tried to go to Bithynia and the Spirit would not permit them, they went instead to Troas, under the Spirit's direction.

Paul then had a vision of a man calling them to Macedonia, so they set out immediately to Philippi, the chief city of Macedonia. When they arrived, a young woman who was fortune teller followed them about, crying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17). After enduring it for many days, Paul "returned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour" (Acts 16:18). Suddenly the whole city was in an uproar. This fortune teller apparently had been a big tourist attraction, but now she was healed and praising the Lord!

Paul had upset the status quo. He had challenged the devil who had been having his way for years. The slave owners of the delivered woman then dragged Paul and Silas into the marketplace to stand trial before the city magistrates. The charge was, "These men . . . do exceedingly trouble our city" (Acts 16:20).

We need more troublemakers like this today!