



Getting Off To A Good Start

Acts 9:19-30

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First critical steps.

1. Seek fellowship. (19b, 26-28)
2. Seek instruction. (19 b, 26-28)
3. Be ready to witness and serve. (19b-22, 26-30)
4. Keep moving forward. (22)
5. Listen to the counsel of others. (30)

The results of getting off to a good start.

1. Opposition. (23-25, 29-30)
2. Effective ministry. (21-22, 23-25)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Acts 9:19-30. Getting off to a good start is important in all areas and times of life. Yesterday we saw Saul (Paul) beginning his new life of faith in Christ. Two of the first critical steps he took were seeking fellowship with and instruction from others. How have you been doing in these areas? Is it time for a fresh start? What will you do today to take, or keeping taking these critical steps?

Tuesday. Saul quickly began to serve and witness (see 19b-22, 26-30). Why do you think this is important? In what ways are you serving Christ? Is your witness active, ready and bold? Are you jumping or stumbling off the starting line in witness and service?

Wednesday. Another critical step to a good start is to keep on moving forward. Saul, Luke tells us, “kept increasing in strength”—he kept moving forward in all aspects of his spiritual life. In what ways have you “kept increasing in strength” lately? In addition to this, even though he was bright and bold, Saul listened to the counsel of others. Do you really listen to and learn from others in practical matters (see Saul in verse 30)? List people whose counsel you value? Thank God, and them, for the role they play in your life.

Thursday. Read 9:19-30 again. As Saul got off to a good start in his spiritual life, he faced opposition along with seeing effective ministry (check the outline). He did not, and we do not have control over the outcome. All of us will experience both of these results as we live faithfully for Christ.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 9:32 - 10:23. Read and think through this section in preparation for our time together.