Conviction Or Convenience

Acts 24:24-27

“Conviction” a strong persuasion or belief: the state of being convinced. (Webster)

“Convenience “ freedom from discomfort: ease. (Webster)

Those Who Had Convictions...

Job
- Prosperity taken away. Job 1:13-19
- His wife tempts him. Job 2:9
- Job had convictions. Job 1:22; 2:10

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
- Decree of King. Daniel 3:1-6
- Cast into furnace. Daniel 3:20-21
- Saved by God. Daniel 3:17,25

Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience...

Jeroboam
- Golden calves. 1 Kings 12:28-29
- For convenience. 1 Kings 12:26-27
- Resulted in sin. 1 Kings 12:30-33

Judas Iscariot
- Listed as an apostle. Matthew 10:2-4
- Loved money. John 12:4-6
- Betrayed the Lord. Matthew 26:14-16

Those Who Had Convictions...

Abraham
- Left Ur. Hebrews 11:8-9; Genesis 15:8, 13-16
- Promised a son. Romans 4:19-22

Paul
- Had convictions. 2 Timothy 1:12
- Willing to suffer. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Romans 8:18
- Willing to die. Acts 21:11-13
- Hope of reward. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18

Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience...

Pharisees
- Hearts not in religion. Matthew 15:8
- Loved men’s praises. Matthew 23:5-7
- Hypocrites. Matthew 23:28

Rich fool
- At death, where were his treasures? Luke 12:20-21

Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience...
Conviction Or Convenience?

- Why do you attend worship? John 4:24
  - In spirit and in truth?
- Why have you not obeyed God? Acts 24:25
  - Because you are not convicted of your sins?
    - cf. Acts 2
  - No convenient time?
- Why did you obey the gospel? Romans 6:17
  - From the heart or in pretense?