



The Missions Toolbox

Biblical Teachings

Indications of God's Call to Missionary Service

Case Study of Saul-Paul

God planned for Saul to be a missionary (Acts 9). The first missionary journey did not start until years later (Acts 13). God molded Saul into Paul the missionary as seen in Acts 9-12. Modern missionaries, called by God, will likewise experience a period of personal growth prior to going to the field. A potential missionary or sponsoring church should see evidence of God calling and molding the missionary for effective service.

Acts 9:15-16

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 13: 2, 3

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

God Shapes Saul into Paul the Missionary

Personal Salvation-Certain	Acts 9:6, 16
Opportunity for Service	Acts 9:20, 29
Provision of Special Training	Acts 11:24-26
Success in Ministry	Acts 11:26
Time in Ministry	Acts 11:26
Relationship with local church	Acts 11:26
Trust of God's People	Acts 11:29-30
Serious in Ministry	Acts 13:2
Responsive to Holy Spirit	Acts 13:2
Approval of God's People-Local church	Acts 13:3