

## December 11 Answers

- 1) When God sent Ananias to restore Paul's sight, he told him that Paul was "a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and **kings** and the children of Israel" (Acts 9:15). The time had come for this to be fulfilled, and in the space of about two years, Paul shared the gospel with **Felix**, **Festus**, and **Herod** Agrippa II. Paul took full advantage of his situation, and he reasoned with Felix and Drusilla "about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment" (Acts 24:25). This teaches us several lessons. First, it reminds us that God desires "**all** people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4). Second, it challenges us to be **bold** in our interaction with others. Paul was not hostile or offensive, but neither was he timid in preaching the gospel. Third, it teaches us the importance of **integrity**, for Paul refused to give Felix a **bribe**.