

- Review / Introduction:**
1. Paul has been teaching us so many grand and wonderful truths...
 2. In *Chapter 3* we see something of a personal testimony by the Apostle...
 3. Paul gets “side-tracked” in vs. 2-13...

I. What Kind of a Man Was Paul?

A. He Believed Strongly in Divine Providence... vs. 1

1. He knew that he was where he was because God wanted him there...
2. His life was one of consistency... practice following belief and principle...

B. His Belief of Providence gave Him a positive, productive and Joyful Attitude...

Some thoughts on the subject of Divine Providence and practical application...

1. Belief in providence is vital to consistent, persevering ministry... *Romans 1:13*
2. Divine providence is a very personal, experiential and practical matter for every Christian...It consists of Three Elements...

**God our Heavenly Father always provides for us... *Acts 17:25, 26*

**God our Heavenly Father preserves us... *Hebrews 13:5-6; Romans 9:17; Acts 4:27-28*

**God our Heavenly Father directs us... *John 10:4*