

Acts of the Apostles
Defense Before Felix (Acts 24:1-27)

I. The Charges Against Paul (vs. 1-9)

- *captatio benevolentiae* (vs. 2-4)

-charges (vs. 5, 6a)

-conclusion (vs. 6b-8)

II. The Defense Made by Paul (vs. 10-21)

-Denial of the Charges (vs. 11-16)

-Explanation of What Actually Happened (vs. 17-21)

III. The Postponement of the Case Against Paul (vs. 22-27)

-Felix procrastinated (v. 22)

-Felix knew about the Way (v. 22); heard Paul preach (v. 24); was afraid and put Paul off (v. 25); hoped for a bribe (v. 26); left Paul in prison (v. 27).

→ Aim for a full-orbed, robust presentation of the gospel.

→ Conviction is not conversion.

→ Procrastination is a thief.

→ As a man and a minister, Paul is an example of integrity, patience, and confident trust in the Lord.