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- ◆ 3) Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit, controlled by Him (Acts 9:17). He was a spiritual man from the start of his Christian walk.
- ◆ 4) Paul was a man of prayer from the beginning and throughout his life (Acts 9:11). The one **persecuting** was now the one **praying**.
- ◆ 5) Paul had a remarkable testimony of how God's grace had totally transformed his life (Acts 9:21).
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- ◆ 7) Paul was baptized in water, in obedience to the Lord's command (Acts 9:18).
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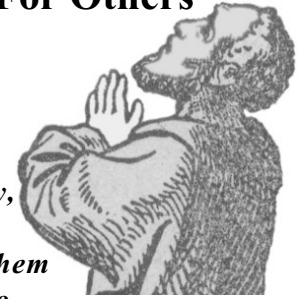
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