

## Common Sense Acts 27:1-20

### Introduction

Whose sailing advice would you follow—Paul’s or pilot & captain?

The answer is not as obvious as it should be. It’s in common sense.

This is part of the high seas battle.

### I. Beware of the selfishness that entices you into danger.

A. It’s arrogant to trust in your abilities & wisdom & not in grace.

1. The pilot & captain were likely anxious to get to Rome.

2. They willingly endangered the ship, cargo & passengers.

B. God brings trouble to you when you do not serve & trust Him.

1. He made you to know & honor Him.

2. Don’t confine yourself to your own little world.

C. Common sense is not rooted in the world’s honored education.

1. Much education today is atheistic.

2. You can’t have common sense by neglecting the Creator.

### II. Consider God’s world and respect His authority & power.

A. Learn to respect the power God placed in His creation.

1. Paul had been ship-wrecked 3X & spent 24 hrs. afloat at sea.

2. His admonition came from knowing the power God gave the sea.

B. God brings blessing when you respect His Name.

1. He isn’t a cosmic Santa, but don’t expect blessing shunning Him.

2. Consider His promise in Psalm 81:13-16.

C. True common sense is rooted in knowing and walking with God.

1. God called you into a full-time covenant relationship to Him.

2. In that relationship you are led in God’s favor.

### III. Develop true common sense by walking with God in Christ.

A. Gain common sense from your Creator as you submit to Him.

1. Begin by knowing Him; He invites you to come. [Luke 4:18-19]

2. In this world view you see the world as the Creator sees it.

B. Avoid danger by considering how God made the world to work.

1. The way of the sinner is hard. [Prov. 13:15; 11:8; 12:21]

2. Plan ahead to do what is right.

C. Avoid trouble by humbling yourself before the Lord.

1. Consider limitations & failing abilities.

2. You are not invincible!

### Conclusion

Now whose sailing advice would you follow—in foresight!

God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble.

It is by grace that you have true common sense.

**Psalms 148, 14A, 119M**