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Acts 13:1-4 ¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³And after they had fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴So Barnabas and Saul, sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

- I. This passage shows us some key principles that Paul the Apostle had as the foundation to his ministry.
 - A. He was a man who functioned under the **authority** of the elders of his home church. V.1
 - B. He was part of a **racially diverse** leadership team. V. 2
 - C. He **sought** God's leading before acting. V. 2
 - D. He bathed his ministry in **fasting** and **prayer**. V.3
 - E. He was Holy Spirit **led**. V. 4
- II. What can we learn from Paul's ministry foundation?
 - A. We must function with the **blessing** of those whom God has put in authority positions over us. The key to this **blessing** is accountability.
 - B. We must rid our life of **prejudices**.
 - C. Worshipping God has got to be **rediscovered** by local churches.
 - D. Denying our flesh through fasting helps us to hear **clearly** from God.
 - E. We must be **Holy Spirit** led in our ministry.