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- **Elements that were working together:**

- **The Lord, v.26**

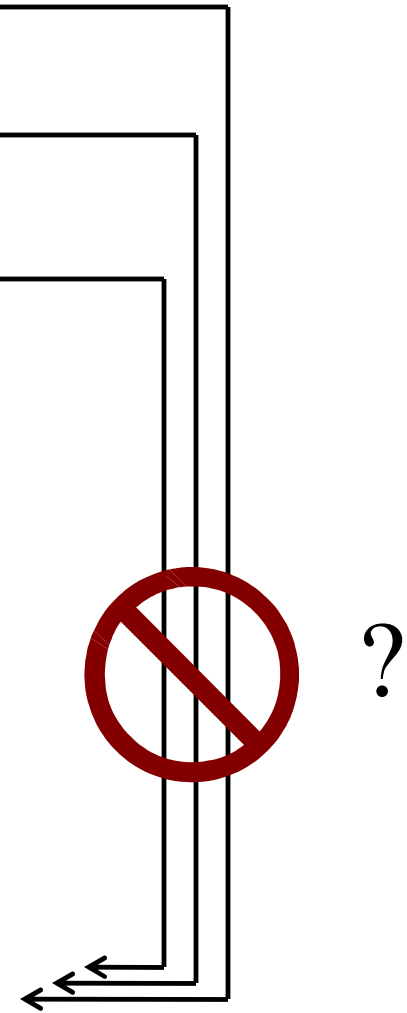
- **Angel of the Lord, v.26**

- **Holy Spirit, v.29**

- **Preacher, v.27, 30**

- **Scripture, v.30, 32-33**

- **Treasurer, v.27-28 (free will)**



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- **Power of Personal Contact:**
 - **Jesus made time for individuals – Nicodemus (John 3), Samaritan woman (John 4), Zacchaeus (Luke 19)**
 - **Apostles made time for individuals – Ephesian elders (Acts 20), Philippian jailer (Acts 16), Lydia (Acts 16)**
 - **Philip made time for this treasurer as the Lord instructed him – v.30-32**

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- **The Prospect:**
 - He was important, v.27
 - He was religious, v.27
 - He was studious, v.30, 34
 - He was humble, v.31
 - He desired spiritual understanding, v.31
 - He was obedient, v.36

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- **The Teaching:**
 - **Philip would have taught nothing different than what he taught to the city of Samaria, v.12**
 - **The name of Christ**
 - **Would have included Christ as Messiah, death, resurrection, means of forgiveness**
 - **The Kingdom of God**
 - **Would have included instruction about the body, how to become a member of this kingdom**
 - **Baptism – v.12, 13, 36-39**

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- **What can we apply from this?**
 - **God speaks and teaches today through His word, not through angels or the miraculous revelation of the Holy Spirit**
 - **Each one of us must be active in personal contact with others if we hope to teach people**
 - **We must be especially watchful for the fertile soil to sow the seed**
 - **We must teach what the Bible teaches in all things, without apology**