

**PAUL'S WORDS TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS  
(Acts 20:17-35)**

**I. The Context**

**II. Paul's Ministry at Miletus on His Way to Jerusalem (20:17- 35)**

**A. His \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry There (20:18-21)**

1. Here Paul reviewed his past ministry at Ephesus: It was one of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point to Remember:** true humble service for Christ results in \_\_\_\_\_ for people even when facing adversity & difficulty in ministry.

2. His *perspective* was one of intense \_\_\_\_\_ as he "*kept back nothing* \_\_\_\_\_ *for them*".
3. He was determined to give them the very thing that could \_\_\_\_\_ them – the very \_\_\_\_\_.

**Point to remember:** We need to rely totally on the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to proclaim His word.

- It must be faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ & rightly \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God has within His word \_\_\_\_\_ what we need to hear & heed to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ us in life!
  - God also wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ His word to other faithful men & women.
4. "*Repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ*" (v. 21) is a beautifully \_\_\_\_\_ of expressing what is essential for \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. 26:20-23; Rom. 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:20—6:2). One must change his or her mind Godward about how to go to heaven and place trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**B. His \_\_\_\_\_ Plans of Going to Jerusalem (20:22-24)**

1. Paul had a \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ about going to Jerusalem... he said,... "*I go bound in the spirit*"
2. Paul had his sights set on a particular \_\_\_\_\_ - ... " \_\_\_\_\_ "

\*What can we as believers glean from this?

3. You don't have to have all your \_\_\_\_\_ to minister for the Lord.

\*What do I need to know?

2 Corinthians 5:7

Proverbs 3:5-6

Acts 10

4. If you choose to serve the Lord and finish your race expect \_\_\_\_\_ from the enemy.

5. In this new dispensation, Paul was to preach the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

\*What is so important about this message?

\*According to vs 24 what is the key ingredient to be emphasized?

### C. His \_\_\_\_\_ **Thinking & Warning** to the Elders at Ephesus (20:25-31)

\*What did Paul mean when he said, "I'm innocent from the blood of all men"?

\*What principle does this teach us?

\*When people are given biblical principles from God's word, they learn to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, not a \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to live their lives.

1. Take heed to \_\_\_\_\_ & to \_\_\_\_\_ – to \_\_\_\_\_ them  
(poimaino) - (to feed, guide, & care for them)

\*Why is this important? – 4 reasons are given:

- a. The H.S has made you elders, " \_\_\_\_\_ " (the men in charge) of God's people at this location
- b. These Christians have been \_\_\_\_\_ (redeemed) by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
- c. After his departure Paul warns that salvage \_\_\_\_\_ will come in & \_\_\_\_\_ the flock (but do them harm)
- d. Also, from among yourselves men will \_\_\_\_\_ and speak \_\_\_\_\_ things (to pervert the grace of God into law keeping, or feel good messages of some kind)

2. His **imperative**: Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ (be vigilant) and \_\_\_\_\_ (call to mind) what Paul taught during the 3 years he spent there.

### D. His \_\_\_\_\_ **Blessing and Exhortation** to Them (20:32-35)

1. His **Blessing** vs 32: "I commend you to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_"

• Why is this important?

2. His **Exhortation** to them vs 33-35: Be \_\_\_\_\_ in your calling.