

APPLICATIONS:

TEXT: Acts 20:17-38
TITLE: "Faithful Ministry"

On Paul's third missionary journey Paul meets with the elders of the church at Ephesus. He speaks to them and lays out the ingredients of faithful ministry. By example, he shows them a faithful life of service. Let's listen in and learn from the conversation. (20:17-38).

→ How can we have a faithful ministry?

1. By S _____ with R
Attitudes—20:19-20

- A. Humility—v.19**
- B. Tenderness—v.19**
- C. Endurance—v.19**
- D. Selflessness—v.20**

2. By Maintaining a G _____ Focus—20:21

- A. Through universal declaration**
- B. Through a God-centered message**
- C. Through a Christ-centered message**

3. By Setting an Example of
C _____ —20:22-27

- A. Obedience—v.22**

B. Courage—v.23

C. Abandonment—vv.24-25

D. Faithfulness—vv.26-27

**4. By Instructing with W —
20:28-31**

A. Watch Out—v.28

1. Over yourself
2. Over the flock
3. With great responsibility (the Holy Spirit gave you oversight)

B. Shepherd the church—v. 28

1. Feed
2. Nourish
3. Heal
4. Settle

→ Elders (v. 17), Overseers (v. 18), Feed (Shepherd) (v. 28) = synonymous

C. Be on Guard—v. 29-31

1. Against outside savage wolves
→ Beware all that is "Christian" is not good
2. Against inside people
→ Troublemakers
 - a. Speaking perverse things
 - b. Desiring a following

D. Remember—v.31

1. I warned you faithfully
2. I had great passion and grief

**5. By Depending upon G , His W and
His G —20:32**

A. Edification through the Word—v.32

B. Reward from faithful service—v.32

6. By Living a Life of G —20:33-35

A. By being free from covetousness & materialism—v.33

B. By willingness to work—v. 34

C. By being ready to give—v. 35

7. By P with Sincerity—20:36-38

A. With humility

B. With appreciation

C. With Love