



# LEARNING TO LEAD

ALWAYS ON GUARD

ACTS 20:28-32

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1. Consider \_\_\_\_\_ (v.28)

2. Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.29-30)

3. Ponder \_\_\_\_\_ (v.31)

4. Major \_\_\_\_\_ (v.32)

(v.32a)

(v.32b)

(v.32c)

(v.32d)

*Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

*29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (ESV)*

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **John 15:12-14**. How does the personal and painful cost of Christ's redemptive love change the way you view the command to love others as he himself loved and sacrificed for others?
2. Read **1 John 3:11-18**. Why does the church need to be warned against envy, rivalries, and selfishness? How do these subtly infect a congregation professing to "love one another," but actually engaging in the opposite?
3. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. Give some examples of the way you have failed to live up to this command. What are the rationalizations you are tempted to employ when making excuses as to why you can't live this way?
4. Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. How does the way the Father honored the Son's selflessness give you the faith to risk being more purposely forgetful about your personal desires, preferences, and reputation in service to others?
5. Read **Hebrews 10:24-25**. What steps can you take to sincerely and creatively give more thought to how you might encourage and spur on others in the church to love God, love others, and battle temptation?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 07-33 – **Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
- Msg. 14-02 – **Exceptional Love with Exceptional Motives**
- Msg. 14-04 – **Seeing My Growth for the Good of Others**
- Msg. 13-30 – **Apostasy & Stumbling Saints**
- Msg. 11-15 – **Making the Most of Daily Bible Study**
- Msg. 05-37 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**
- Msg. 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Prov.3-4 & 1Cor.13
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.5-6 & 1Cor.14:1-20
Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.7-8 & 1Cor.14:21-40
Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.9-10 & 1Cor.15:1-32
Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.11-12 & 1Cor.15:33-58
Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.13-14 & 1Cor.16
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.15-16 & 2Cor.1
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> .....	Prov.17-18 & 2Cor.2

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.
- Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
- DeYoung, Kevin. **Taking God at His Word**. Crossway Books, 2014.
- Fabarez, Mike. **Why the Bible?** Focal Point, 2010.
- Gromacki, Robert. **Salvation is Forever**. Moody Press, 1973.
- Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.
- Lawson, Steven L. **Absolutely Sure: Settle the Question of Eternal Life**. Multnomah, 1999.
- Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.
- Murray, John. **Redemption Accomplished and Applied**. Eerdmans, 1984.
- Rose Publishing. **Bible Promises of Hope and Courage** [Pamphlet]. Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.
- Ryle, J. C. **A Call to Prayer**. Audubon Press, 2002.
- Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.
- Swindoll, Charles. **Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication**. Thomas Nelson, 2009.