

God and the Word of His Grace (Acts 20: 32-36)

- Paul charges the Ephesus elders: be true shepherds to Christ's flock
- Paul: faithful in his own ministry & warns the elders of dangers to come.
- Paul encourages the elders in their overwhelming responsibility.

I. Commendation to God and the Word of His Grace (20:32)

- Paul encourages the elders to look to God and the Word of His grace.
- Word of His grace is God & Gospel centered, only defense against *error*
- Gospel is able to build up & give an inheritance to those being sanctified.

II. Integrity in Loving Sacrificial Service (20:33,34)

- Paul: servant heart & conscience were clear while serving God's people.
- He supported himself and did not want to burden the church in any way
- Gospel produces love, mercy, and generosity among Christ's servants.

III. Paul's Concluding Prayer and Farewell (20:36-38)

- Paul's farewell shows: deep love God works in the hearts of His servants.
- Love is the savor of the Gospel and without it, we have nothing.
- Elders of the church in Ephesus ultimately lost their first love (*Rev 2:1-7*)

Application

- Look to God and the Word of His grace to build you up and save you.
- Serve God with a clear conscience; be generous because of God's love.
- Love is the savor of the Gospel and losing it leads to spiritual decline.