

Acts 20:17-35

Shepherd

A. Command

- v. 28 – Pay Careful Attention
- v. 31 – Be Alert

B. Assignment #1

1) Soul

2) Home

3) Doctrine

C. Assignment #2

1) Disposition

a) Serve – v. 18-19

b) Sacrifice – v. 33-35

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2) Action

a) Speak – v. 20-21,31

b) Shepherd – v. 28

D. Commendation – v. 32

Praxis

1. Americans tend to resist any kind of “outside authority” over their personal lives. How might this attitude tend to show itself in the church and home (both from leaders and members)?
2. How might Paul’s own personal “disposition” toward his God-assigned shepherding task help overcome this natural resistance to being shepherded?
3. In what ways might church members actually “resist” the shepherding of their pastors/elders, even while agreeing with it in principle?
4. Thought Question: with 9 pastors/elders and 700 people at BCO, what can the church body itself do to facilitate better “micro-shepherding” of the members?