



The Gospel in Action!

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 20b

Sunday June 05, 2016

Chapter Twenty (continued)

Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders About the Past – Acts 20:17-21

1. Paul had bypassed Ephesus to save time, but calls for the elders from Ephesus to meet with him in Miletus before he departs.
2. What are “elders of the church”? _____

3. Paul’s manner of living among them:
 - a. Served the _____ with humility.
 - b. The plotting of the Jews caused many _____ and _____.
 - c. He kept back nothing _____.
 - d. He taught both _____ and from _____ to _____.
 - e. He taught Jews and _____.
 - f. Two themes he taught were _____ toward God and _____ toward Jesus.

Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders About His Future – Acts 20:22-27

1. How was Paul bound as he went to Jerusalem? _____
2. Paul was unsure of future events, but knew that _____ and _____ were waiting for him
3. What was Paul’s attitude regarding future difficulties? _____

4. Paul said that these elders would see his _____ no more.
5. How could Paul say he was innocent of the blood of all men? _____

Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders About Their Future – Acts 20:28-31

- Elders told to take heed:
 - To _____.
 - To all the _____ the Holy Spirit had made them overseers.
 - To _____ the church of God.
- How did the Holy Spirit make them overseers? _____
- Two dangers:
 - _____ would come in. What danger would they be exposed to? _____
 - From among _____ men will rise up speaking _____ things and draw away _____ after themselves.
- What to do in the face of dangers:
 - _____!
 - _____ that for three years Paul had warned them!
- What was Paul's manner as he warned them? _____

Paul's Parting Words to the Ephesian Elders – Acts 20:32-38

- Notice how Paul commends them to God's word and what it can do:
 - _____ you up.
 - Give you and _____.
- Paul's work:
 - Paul did not covet their things.
 - How were his necessities provided? _____
 - What did Paul teach by his physical labor? _____
- Paul prays with them.
- The _____ freely and fell on Paul's _____ and _____ him.
- What was most disturbing to these elders of all that Paul said? _____
- They see Paul off to the ship as he departs.