

Pay Careful Attention

Acts 20:13–38



Paul's example and instructions to the Ephesian elders challenge us to pay careful attention...

I. Attentiveness requires _____ vv. 13–16.

Paul planned to be in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost, to add to add fuel to the worship of the church.

- a. Be intentional about _____ God.**

II. Attentiveness involves _____, v. 17.

Paul knew there was a great need and opportunity for him to challenge and encourage the leaders of the church at Ephesus, so he invited them to meet him at Miletus.

- a. Look for _____ opportunities. (cf. Proverbs 16:9)**

- b. Remember nothing is an _____.**

III. Attentiveness demands _____, vv. 18– 27.

Paul reminds them of his example when he served in Ephesus for 3 years. He demonstrated what it looks like to surrender everything to the will of God.

- a. Surrender is demonstrated in _____, v. 19.**

- b. Surrender is the path to _____, v. 20–27.**

IV. Attentiveness accompanies _____, vv. 28–31

Paul challenged the elders in their role as shepherds to love the church by protecting and teaching them.

- a. Let God's love _____ what you love, v. 28.**

- b. _____ to protect the church, vv. 29–30.**

- c. Use your _____ to build up the church, v. 31.**

V. Attentiveness begins with _____, v. 32, cf. 28.

In order to serve the church well, the elders need to cultivate their own relationship with God.

- a. Your _____ with God is the source of ministry.**

- b. The _____ of God is His means for growth.**

- c. Your personal _____ is essential for ministry, v. 28.**

Main Idea: The Word of His grace commissions and _____ us to be Jesus' church.

VI. Attentiveness comes with a _____, vv. 33–38.

Paul reminded the leadership that serving others involves personal sacrifice.

- a. Our _____ is waiting for us, v. 32.**

- b. We gladly use the resources _____ to us, vv. 33–35**

- c. We trust God's _____ not man's, v. 35.**