

## Faithful Shepherding (Acts 20:26-28)

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### Introduction

The Bible, both in its teaching and the examples it presents, speaks about \_\_\_\_\_.

In vv. 17-24 Paul describes \_\_\_\_\_ essential attitudinal perspectives on ministry: toward \_\_\_\_\_, the church, the lost, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul will bring the \_\_\_\_\_ and future together in order to better shape their \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

### Paul's Faithful Example of Shepherding (vv. 26-27)

Notes on what Paul is referring to with the word "Therefore":

testify (*martyromai*) =

innocent (*katharos*) =

The phrase "I am innocent of the \_\_\_\_\_ of all men" is used in Ezekiel 33:1-9 to describe the faithful \_\_\_\_\_ who has alerted the people in the city of the \_\_\_\_\_ that is approaching.

did not shrink (*hypostello*) =

purpose (*boule*) =

Cross references on [the whole purpose of God](#):

A true servant of Christ never \_\_\_\_\_ anything from those to whom he \_\_\_\_\_, or with whom he gives private \_\_\_\_\_ or discipleship.

Those who serve as \_\_\_\_\_ must follow Paul's example of preaching a complete gospel of God's redemption of sinners or \_\_\_\_\_ God's chastening.

### Paul's Primary Charge to Shepherds (v. 28)

Be on guard (*prosecho*) =

Paul's warning to the elders was first about paying attention to \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul tells these elders that they've got to stay spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

After making sure that his own life is in \_\_\_\_\_, a leader's second priority is the spiritual care of his \_\_\_\_\_.

Notes on sheep and their similarity to people:

shepherd (*poimaino*) =

overseers (*episkopos*) =

Since elders are told to "shepherd", we can reason that a \_\_\_\_\_ is an elder.

Things we learn from [John 10:1-15](#):

purchased (*peripoieo*) =

The church is the most \_\_\_\_\_ reality on earth, since the ultimate price was paid for it when the Lord Jesus Christ purchased it with His own \_\_\_\_\_.

God's church is worth watching over with the most diligent \_\_\_\_\_ care.