

GOSPEL . MISSION . POWER

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CHAPTERS 18-20

ACTS 20:17-27 (ESV)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

ACTS 20:17-27 (ESV)

²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

ACTS 20:17-27 (ESV)

²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

1. I LIVED ATTENTIVE TO GOD'S PEOPLE

ACTS 20:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

1. I LIVED ATTENTIVE TO GOD'S PEOPLE

1 PETER 5:1-4 (ESV)

¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of **God that is among you**, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2. I SERVED GOD WITH HUMILITY & SINCERITY

ACTS 20:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews

2. I SERVED GOD WITH HUMILITY & SINCERITY

2 COR 1:12 (ESV)

¹² For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

3. I TOLD THE TRUTH TO MY GENERATION

ACTS 20:20-21, 26-27 (ESV)

²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,
²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

“We seem in our generation to have moved a long way from this vehement zeal for the truth which Christ and his apostles displayed. But if we loved the glory of God more, and if we cared more for the eternal good of the souls of men, we would not refuse to engage in necessary controversy, when the truth of the gospel is at stake. The apostolic command is clear. We are “to maintain the truth in love,” being neither truthless in our love, nor loveless in our truth, but holding the two in balance.”

JOHN STOTT

3. I TOLD THE TRUTH TO MY GENERATION

ACTS 20:21 (ESV)

²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every lost person this side of hell.”

DAVID PLATT

Gossip the Gospel

3. I TOLD THE TRUTH TO MY GENERATION

ACTS 20:27 (ESV)

²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

4. I GLADLY EMBRACED GOSPEL SACRIFICE

ACTS 20:23-25 (ESV)

²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.

4. I GLADLY EMBRACED GOSPEL SACRIFICE

ACTS 20:24 (ESV)

²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

“Are you using your gifts, your time, and your opportunities to enrich yourself, or to bless the world with the knowledge of Jesus?”

J.D. GREEAR

PSALM 90:12-17 (ESV)

- 12 So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

PSALM 90:12-17 (ESV)

- ¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!