

Acts 20 A Farewell

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2 Timothy 4:7

Farewell Journey

Acts 20:1-5

2 Corinthians 2:12-13

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

A Farewell Service

Acts 20:6-12

The Lord's Day

The Lord's People

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Message

1 Timothy 4:13

2 Timothy 4:2

The Lord's Power

A Farewell Message

Acts 20:13-17

A Review of the Past

Acts 20:18-21

A Testimony of the Present

Acts 20:22-27

A Warning About the Future

Acts 20:28-38

- Carelessness - failing to stay alert and forgetting the price that others have paid so that we might have God's truth. "Watch and remember!" are words we had better heed. It is so easy for us today to forget the toil and tears of those who labored before us.
- Shallowness. We cannot build the church unless God is building our lives daily. There is a balance here between prayer and the Word of God. God's Word alone is able to edify and enrich us, but we must spend time daily in the Word of God and prayer.
- Covetousness. It means a consuming and controlling desire for what others have and for more of what we ourselves already have. Covetousness is idolatry.
- Paul also mentioned laziness. It is not wrong for Christian workers to receive salaries, for "the laborer is worthy of his hire". But they should be certain that they are really earning those salaries!
- Finally, Paul warned about selfishness. True ministry means giving, not getting; it means following the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Takeaways

- You and I must seek the course that God has for our lives and finish the course, no matter the cost, with great joy.

- The early church was “one in Christ.” Our goal should be to be like them in this way.
- We are at our best and ready to hear the Word of God.
- We need to be in the Word of God and to be in prayer
- We need to avoid carelessness, shallowness, covetousness, laziness, and selfishness