

Paul's Blameless Ministry

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Introduction

Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders reveals the characteristics of a blameless ministry (Acts 20:17-38). His example is a worthy pattern for those today who would preach and teach.

Conviction

Paul preached with conviction (Acts 20:18-21; 2 Tim. 4:1-5; Ezek. 3:18-19).

Confidence

Paul preached with confidence (Acts 20:22-24; 21:10-14; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Completeness

Paul preached with completeness (Acts 20:26-28; Gal. 1:6-10; 2 Cor. 4:1-2).

Caution

Paul preached with caution (Acts 20:29-30; Matt. 7:15-23; 2 Pet. 2:1-3).

Compulsion

Paul preached with compulsion (Acts 20:31; Jer. 20:9; 1 Cor. 9:16).

Compassion

Paul preached with compassion (Acts 20:31; Matt. 9:36; 1 Cor. 9:19-22).

Conclusion

The apostle Paul cared a great deal about what he preached and those to whom he preached (Acts 20:32-38). Do we show the same devotion for the word of God and the souls of men?