

Vintage Values: Lessons on Lasting Leadership

Acts 20:17-21, 27-32

Theme Passage

Micah 6:8 (ESV) – He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Main Passage

Acts 20:17-21,27-32 – 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, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ…

²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Big Idea – You Are Called to Lead... Choose this Day What Kind of Leader You Will Be

Lessons from the L.E.A.D. Project

Lesson #1 - Look and Listen for the Work, the Word, and the Will of the Lord

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Lesson #2 - Equip and Educate: Arm Others With Discernment and Desire

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Lesson #3 - Affirm and Align: Help Others Connect with their Calling

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Lesson #4 - Delegate and Direct: Help Others Discover How to use their Talent for God's Glory

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Memory Verse

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) – And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also...

Going Deeper

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the "Going Deeper" study guide.