

# What Paul Showed The Ephesians

Acts 20:35

## Introduction:

- A. Paul had called for the elders of Ephesian church. (v. 17).
  - 1. Was in a hurry. (v. 16).
    - a. But had time to assemble. (v. 7).
    - b. But had time to exhort. (v. 17).
  - 2. Gave them farewell address.
    - a. Reminded them of his past work among them.
    - b. Warned them of a dangerous future.
- B. Paul had shown them the real meaning of common **words** — in word and deed (v. 35).

## Discussion:

- I. He Showed Them Real Love.**
  - A. By keeping back nothing helpful or profitable. (v. 20; cf. 2 Tim 3:16,17; Tit. 3:9).
  - B. By relieving himself of their blood. (v. 26; cf. Ezek. 33:1-10).
  - C. By preaching the whole counsel of God. (vv. 27).
    - 1. Not just first principles.
    - 2. Not just current “issues”.
    - 3. Not just pleasing topics.
  - D. Note: They returned his love. (vv. 36-37).
- II. He Showed Them Real Determination. (v. 24).**
  - A. Unmoved by persecution. (v. 19).
  - B. Unmoved by prospects of prison. (v. 23).
- III. He Showed Them Real Danger.**
  - A. To the eldership. (v. 28).
  - B. To the membership. (v. 28-29).
  - C. From within. (v. 30).
- IV. He Showed Them Real Labor.**
  - A. Secular work. (vv. 33, 34).
    - 1. Had right to refrain from working. (1 Cor. 9:6; cf. 2 Cor 11:8; Lk 10:7).
    - 2. Had special need to work at Ephesus.
      - a. To avoid charge of covetousness. (v. 33)
      - b. Became example to others. (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10).
  - B. In the spiritual realm.
    - 1. Publicly and privately. (v. 20).
    - 2. Night and day. (v. 31).
- V. He Showed Them Real Generosity. (v. 35).**
  - 1. Should give to common fund. (2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
  - 2. Should give to individual needs. (1 John 3:17).
- VI. He Showed Them The Real Church. (v. 28).**
  - 1. Same as kingdom. (v. 25; cf. Mt. 16:18,19).
  - 2. Purchased by blood. (v. 28).
  - 3. Entered by obedient faith. (v. 21, ch. 19:1-5; cf. Jno. 3:3,5).

## Conclusion:

- 1. Have you not now been shown?
- 2. Why not obey what you have been shown?