

Could We Also Say?

Acts 20:17-35

You know how I lived among you the whole time. **Acts 20:18**

- What is our example like? **1 Thessalonians 1:5**; **1 Peter 2:11-12**.
- Do others know who we serve and who our allegiance is to?
- **The "whole time"** – how consistent are we? "Night and day for a period of 3 years" (verse 31)
 - How "open" are we? **John 18:20**
- **Serving the Lord** – not in it for himself.
- **With Humility** – humble opinion of self. Lowly of mind. Sense of one's littleness.
- **With Tears** – see verse 31; over what? **2 Corinthians 2:1-4**; **Philippians 3:18**
- **With Trials** – speaking of his endurance.

That we have dealt with our trials and tribulations with humility and love for them? **Acts 20:19**

- How have we reacted to trying times in front of others? **Hebrews 10:32-39**
- Have we resorted to complaining? **1 Corinthians 10:10**; **Numbers 11:1-3**
- The exemplary brethren in Thessalonica. **1 Thessalonians 1:6-7**

That we didn't withhold anything profitable? **Acts 20:20, 27**

- **"Shrink"** – to cower, shrink, conceal.
- **"Profitable"** – spiritually useful. **1 Corinthians 6:12**; **10:23**; **Hebrews 12:10**
- **2 Timothy 4:1-3** – reprove, rebuke, exhort.
- Are there topics we don't address that others need?
- Do we make sure that our children have everything they need? (cf. **Luke 2:52**)
 - What does that include?
 - cf. **Psalms 119:160**; **Jeremiah 26:2**; **Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

That we demonstrated the need to finish what we started? **Acts 20:24**

- Do we teach (by example) the need to count the cost? **Luke 14:25-33**
- Have we demonstrated that in our marriage? **Matthew 19:3-9**
- Have we shown a commitment to spiritual growth? **2 Peter 1:5-9**; **3:17-18**; **Hebrews 5:12-14**
- Do we talk about our commitment to the goal that is set before us? **Philippians 3:12-14**; **1:21-24**

That the goal was so that others could stand spiritually on their own? **Acts 20:25-26**

- Equipped with the knowledge so they can defend their faith? **1 Peter 3:15**
- To be equipped to do the work that is needed within a local congregation? **Eph. 4:11-12**.
- To call God's word to mind? **2 Peter 1:12ff**
- Have our own knowledge of God and His will? **2 Tim. 3:14-15**; **1 John 2:2-3**

That I have taught what to beware of and how to go about protecting those whom God has entrusted to them? **Acts 20:28-30**

- ▶ Am I aware of the spiritual dangers around us that they need to flee from? **1 Timothy 6:11; Romans 13:13-14**
- ▶ Am I prepared to identify and refute the false prophets and teachers? **Matthew 7:15; 2 Peter 2:1**
- ▶ Am I able to call God's word to mind in moments of temptation? **2 Peter 1:12-15**
- ▶ Will I have my own knowledge of God and His will? **2 Tim. 3:14-15; 1 John 2:2-3**

That I have shown by example that serving God is an everyday thing? **Acts 20:31**

- ▶ Demonstrating that there are things we need to do every day of our lives? **2 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17; Hebrews 3:13-14**
- ▶ Demonstrating our value of the time God has given to us? **Ephesians 5:16; Colossians 4:5; James 4:13-17**

That there are but two immutable things that we must lean on throughout our lives: (1) God, and (2) the word of His grace? **Acts 20:32**

- ▶ **Hebrews 6:17-19**
- ▶ Whom do we lean on? **Proverbs 3:5**
- ▶ God will never forsake us! **Hebrews 13:5; Psalms 37:25; Romans 8:31ff**
- ▶ His word will endure forever! **1 Peter 1:23-24**

That others can use our own lives as examples for themselves? **Acts 20:33-35**

- ▶ **We're providing an example whether want to admit it or not. What kind of an example is it?**
 - ▶ Are we an example of what a believer should be? **1 Timothy 4:12; Philipians 3:17**
 - ▶ Paul's use of himself as an example. **1 Corinthians 11:1**

Finally, we will be able to say to others?

- ▶ I was obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 5:9**
- ▶ I continued to make things right before God. **1 John 1:8-9**
- ▶ I ran the race as hard as I could. **1 Corinthians 9:24**
- ▶ I remained steadfast to the end. **Hebrews 3:14**
- ▶ I fought the good fight, finished the course and kept the faith. **2 Timothy 4:7-8**