

Sermon Title: *“A Farewell Sermon From A Grateful Pastor”*

Sermon Text: Acts 20:17-38

- *In these verses Paul said 3 things to the leaders of the church in Ephesus:*

I. He Reminded Them Of His Life And Labor Among Them (vv 17-27)

- *I Timothy 4:16*
- What did Paul mean when he said, *“I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable”?*
- *When you put it all together, what Paul was saying was that he preached everything, to everyone, everywhere!*
- What is the meaning of the phrase, *“innocent of the blood of all men”?* (Ezekiel 33)

II. He Warned Them About The Dangers That They Would Soon Face (vv 28-31)

- *Paul said that there are 2 dangers that the church needs be on guard against:*

A. Persecution From The Outside (v 29)

*“Make no mistake about it, ‘savage wolves’ are out there...and they’re coming!”*

B. Perversion From The Inside (v 30)

*“The message is clear - be on guard!”*

- *So what’s the solution?* (vv 28, 31)

III. He Commended Them To God And To His Word (v 32)

- The word translated *“commend”* is a word that means, *“to entrust.”*

*“The same God who has been with us these past 35 years will continue to be with this church in the days and years to come!”*

*“The work will go on - God and His Word guarantee that!”*

Some final Words:

- Live Near To God
- Make Good Use Of His Word
- Believe And Proclaim The Gospel