

Speaker: **The Apostle Paul**

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Place: **Miletus (in Southern Asia Minor)**

Audience: **Elders from Ephesus church of Christ**

Title: **What Your Congregation Needs (to Remain Faithful)**

Passage: **Acts 20:17-35**

I. Your Congregation Needs Selfless Servants (20:18-19, 22-24)

- A. Selfless Servants Live Consistently Each Day (20:18)
- B. Selfless Servants Stay Focused on the Lord (20:19)
- C. Selfless Servants Exercise Great Humility (20:19)
- D. Selfless Servants Patiently Endure Maltreatment (20:19)
- E. Selfless Servants Willingly Sacrifice for the Lord (20:22-23)
- F. Selfless Servants Love Eternal Life More Than Earthly Life (20:24)
- G. Selfless Servants Are Determined to Fulfill the Will of God (20:24)

II. Your Congregation Needs Persistent Preachers (20:20-21, 25-27)

- A. Persistent Preachers Preach the Whole Counsel of God (20:27)
- B. Persistent Preachers Refuse to Hold Back Any Profitable Truth (20:20)
- C. Persistent Preachers Teach in Public Settings (20:20)
- D. Persistent Preachers Teach in Private Settings (20:20)
- E. Persistent Preachers Urge People of All Backgrounds to Obey God (20:21)
- F. Persistent Preachers Faithfully Warn Souls of Spiritual Dangers (20:26, 31)
- G. Persistent Preachers Must Be Selfless Servants (20:18-27)

III. Your Congregation Needs Soul-Conscious Shepherds (20:28-31)

- A. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Watch Out for Themselves Spiritually (20:28)
- B. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Watch Out for All the Flock Spiritually (20:28)
- C. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Feed, Tend and Lead the Flock (20:28)
- D. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Protect the Flock from Outside Influences (20:29)
- E. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Protect the Flock from Inside Deceivers (20:30)
- F. Soul-Conscious Shepherds Must Constantly Be on Alert (20:31)

IV. Your Congregation Needs Loving Laborers (20:32-35)

- A. Loving Laborers Work Alongside God (20:32)
- B. Loving Laborers Work According to God's Word (20:32)
- C. Loving Laborers Work with the Help of God's Word (20:32)
- D. Loving Laborers Work Disconnected from Worldly Standards or Approval (20:32)
- E. Loving Laborers Work Without Coveting Worldly Goods or Pleasures (20:33)
- F. Loving Laborers Work in Order to Help Others (20:34)
- G. Loving Laborers Work in Order to Help the Less Fortunate (20:35)