

20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the **elders** of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what **manner** I always **lived** **among** you, 19 **serving** the Lord with all **humility**, with many **tears** and **persecutions** which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20 how I **kept back nothing** that was helpful, but **proclaimed** it to you, and **taught** you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance **toward** God and faith **toward** our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And see, now I go **forth** in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that **chains** and **tribulations** await me. 24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to **testify** to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 “And indeed, now I know that you all, **among** whom I have gone **preaching** the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. 26 Therefore I **testify** to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to **declare** to you the whole **counsel** of God. 28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the **flock**, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in **among** you, not sparing the **flock**. 30 Also from **among** yourselves men will rise up, **speaking** perverse things, to draw away the **disciples** after themselves. 31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to **warn** everyone night and day with **tears**. 32 “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an **inheritance** among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. 34 Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were **with me**. 35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the **words** of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ” 36 And when he had **said** these things, he knelt down and **prayed** with them all. 37 Then they **all** **wept** freely, and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him, 38 **sorrowing** most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they **accompanied** him to the ship.