



*Acts 20:32 "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*

**Paul's attitude p\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 20:33 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. <sup>35</sup> In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

*Acts 20:36 When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. <sup>37</sup> They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. <sup>38</sup> What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.*

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## Paul's Mission and Farewell

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### The church, the body of Christ

*1 Corinthians 12:12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.*

*<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be?*

*<sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"*

### Paul's Farewell to the elders at the Ephesian church

*Acts 20:17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.*

"Elders" –

Paul's Past



**Paul's attitude toward s\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 20:18 When they arrived, he said to them: "**You know HOW I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.** <sup>19</sup> **I served the Lord** with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.*

*Acts 20:20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. <sup>21</sup> I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.:*

*Acts 20:22 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. <sup>23</sup> I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.*

### Paul's Present

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**Paul's attitude toward life's p\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.*



- Accountant
- Runner
- Steward
- Witness

*Acts 20:25 "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.*

- Herald

*Acts 20:26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. <sup>27</sup> For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.*

- Watchman

### Paul's Future

**Paul's attitude toward the c\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

*Acts 20:29 I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.*

*Acts 20:30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.*