

I. A farewell service at Troas (v. 7-12)

A. They enjoyed great fellowship

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42)

B. They heard inspired teaching

C. They experienced God’s power

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

II. An example of godly leadership (v. 13-21)

A. Paul considered himself to be a servant

B. Paul served with great humility

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)

C. Paul demonstrated God’s love

“Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” (I Corinthians 13:12)

D. Paul faithfully declared the gospel

III. An example of perseverance (v. 22-30)

A. Paul was led by the Holy Spirit

B. Paul was totally committed to God’s will

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.” (Romans 12:1)

C. Paul was a faithful witness of God’s grace

D. Paul was an alert watchman for the church

“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (I Peter 5:8)

E. Paul was a shepherd to God’s church

IV. A challenge to spiritual leaders (v. 31-38)

- A. Expect the church to be attacked
- B. Keep growing in your faith
- C. Focus on your heavenly inheritance

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18)

- D. Avoid coveting another’s wealth
- E. Work hard in serving the Lord
- F. True ministry is giving not receiving

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

- G. Never stop praying