

“THE EPHESIAN ELDERS EXHORTED”

1. Who has served as a spiritual role model for you? What about that person has rubbed off on you?

2. As “parting is such sweet sorrow,” what in your life is “sweet ’n sour” these days?

3. Why “sail past” Ephesus to reach Jerusalem for Pentecost (see 2:1)?

4. What has characterized Paul’s ministry so far? Why does he emphasize how he lived among them?

5. From your reading of Acts, what kinds of hardships has Paul already encountered? How would you explain what motivates Paul to keep on (compare 20:24 with Philippians 3:7-8)?

6. What does it mean to “keep watch” (v.28; see 1 Timothy 4:11-16)? How and why is their appointment as elders divine, humbling, and dangerous (vv.28-31)?

7. How does the message of grace (v.32) and the example of Paul (vv.33-35) protect them from these dangers? Some people viewed the office of elder as a way of gaining power and wealth (see 1 Timothy 5:6-10; 1 Peter 5:3). How does Paul oppose the idea here?

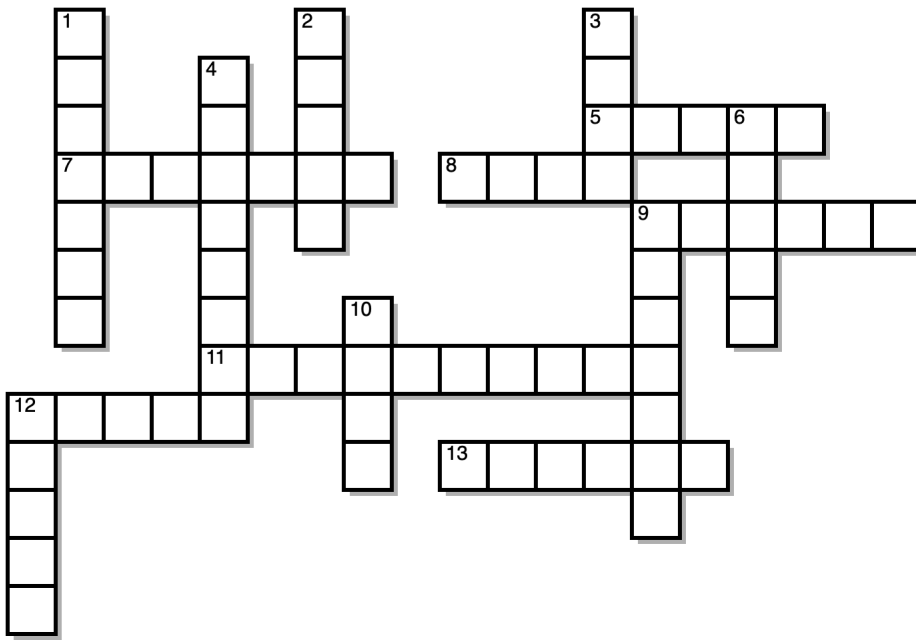
8. What do you suppose the Ephesians will miss most about Paul?

9. If someone watched you the past year, what would they assume a Christian lifestyle is like? How would you like to change so they can get a more accurate picture? How would you paraphrase Paul’s summary of the Gospel (v.21) to explain the faith to someone?

10. Who makes up the “flock” for whom you are responsible? In what specific way can you shepherd them?

11. How would you complete this sentence: “The one thing I must accomplish at any cost is _____?”
How does it relate to Paul’s goal in verse 24?

12. In the race of doing God’s will, are you in the front of the pack, one of the stragglers, or an onlooker? Why?

**Down**

1 In what city does this passage take place?

2 What famous rabbi said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."?

3 Paul says that he does not count his _____ as dear to himself.

4 What does the word "pastor" mean?

6 Paul says he served the Lord with "all humility, with many _____".

9 Paul "_____ no one's silver or gold or apparel."

10 Paul demonstrated that the _____ must be supported.

12 Paul says that he is innocent of the _____ of all men.

Across

5 Paul testified to Jews and Greeks "_____ toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

7 The elders to whom Paul is speaking are from this city.

8 Paul tells them that they will see his _____ no more.

9 The Spirit has revealed to Paul that "_____ and tribulations" await him.

11 Paul testified to Jews and Greeks "_____ toward God".

12 Paul describes himself as being "_____ in the Spirit".

13 After Paul's departure, these savage creatures he says will come among them.

**WORD SEARCH:**

Paul	Overseers
Elders	Purchased
Church	Perverse
Asia	Disciples
Humility	Watch
Trials	Remember
Jews	Warn
Proclaimed	Night
Taught	Day
Testify	Brethren
Greeks	Inheritance
Jerusalem	Sanctified
Spirit	Silver
Tribulations	Gold
Joy	Apparel
Ministry	Necessities
Gospel	Laboring
Preaching	Giving
Innocent	Kissed
Flock	

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