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“Servant Leaders”

(Acts 20:17-35)



Significance of this responsibility

- God’s name is put on the line
- Holy Spirit appoints the men to oversee
- Cost of which is the blood of the Son of God

Elders as servants of Christ

Paul as example...summary in verse 24

- Serving the Lord
- Proclaiming the message
- Teaching publicly and privately
- Testifying to all

Elders as shepherds of Christ’s church

Two imperatives: v28, “Keep watch” and v31, “Be alert”

- List in 1st Timothy
 - o What is not on the list?
 - o What is on the list?

“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” Acts 20:24

“Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” Matthew 11:28-30