Acts Part 45

"Paul's Farewell Tour, Part 2"



The New Testament Teaches us to Lead by Example

15 For I gave you an example, so that you also would do just as I did for you.

John 13:15 (NASB)



1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,





7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their way of life, imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:7 (NASB)

3 nor yet as domineering over those assigned to your care, but by proving to be examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:3 (NASB)

Intro 16 Therefore I urge you, be imitators of me.

1 Corinthians 4:16 (NASB)



Intro 1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NASB)



Intro 17 Brothers and sisters, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us.

Philippians 3:17 (NASB)



9 As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9 (NASB)



6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word during great affliction with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Thessalonians 1:6 (NASB)



12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith, *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NASB)



13 But we went ahead to the ship and set sail for Assos, intending from there to take Paul on board; for that was what he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.



15 Sailing from there, we arrived the following day opposite Chios; and the next day we crossed over to Samos, and on the following day we came to Miletus.



16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to lose time in Asia; for he was hurrying, if it might be possible for him to be in Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 From Miletus he sent *word* to Ephesus and called to himself the elders of the church. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them,



"You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;



20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was beneficial, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and **Greeks of repentance toward God** and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me.

24 But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of God's grace.



25 "And now behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. 26 Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people.



27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Be on guard for yourselves and for 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 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them.



31 Therefore, be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.



32 And now I entrust you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.



34 You yourselves know that these hands served my *own* needs and the men who were with me.



35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this way you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."



36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.



37 And they all began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, 38 grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship.



