

Hope for the Church (through Her Elders)

The Trustworthy Apostle Who Instructs the Elders

Acts 20:17-21 (Part 1)

Sunday, January 18, 2015

INTRODUCTION (Acts 20:17):

Why could the elders trust Paul as he delivered difficult but profitable exhortations to them for the church?

➔ Today, the first three reasons the elders could trust Paul:

1. Paul was undeniably pledged to them, 20:18.

2. Paul was selflessly enslaved to the Lord, 20:19.

3. Paul was fearlessly committed to truth, 20:20-21

Some closing thoughts for elders and members alike. . .

- 1. *Spiritual growth thrives among believers who have pledged themselves to one another, 20:18.***

- 2. *Maintaining the “slave of Jesus” mindset is your best protection against discouragement in the body, 20:19.***

- 3. *Most need reminding that some of the most profitable truths are difficult things to say to each other, 20:20-21.***

- 4. *Some need to be reminded that the goal is not just to say difficult things to each other, 20:20-21.***

- 5. *Make it easy for another to bring to you what is difficult but profitable to say, 20:20-21.***