

Take Me To Your Leader

Acts 20.25-32 September 3, 2017

“Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. “Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

I. Biblical self awareness
1 Tim 4.16:
Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.



A. God's truth instead of self deception

Jer 17.9: The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Eccl 9.3: The hearts of men are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live. Mark 7.20-21: What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts...

Rom 7.18: I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature...

B. Humility instead of pride

Prov 18.12: Before his downfall a man's heart is proud...



C. Submission instead of rebellion

Mt 15.8: These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

Luke 12.1: Be on your guard against ...hypocrisy.

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II. Biblical Sheep Awareness



A. Outside

Mt 7.15-16: Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. (By their fruit you will recognize them.)

B. Inside

All of us