

The Task Uninterrupted

Paul's farewell to the Ephesus Elders:

Acts 20:19-21 Paul's **D**escription of ministry.

Humility, Heart, Hard times, no Hesitation, a Harvest

Acts 20:12-28 Paul's **D**ependency on the Holy Spirit.

Being Directed by the Holy Spirit comes when we Depend on Him.

Acts 20:28-3 Paul's warning of the **D**angers ahead.

It's interesting, the same Dangers are present today.

Ministry is “ _____ the Lord.”

Paul's Four Warnings

Genuine Ministry must be alert to . . .

DISTRACTIONS ~ Keep Focused v. 28

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16

Physically:

- Committed to Busyness
- Compromising _____

Emotionally:

- Competition ~ Who is the Greatest?
- Control ~ Who gets to say?
- Selfishness ~ I'll do what is best for me!
- Shallowness ~ Flustered by _____

DESTRUCTION ~ Devoured by Wolves v. 29

Eze. 22:27, Zeph. 3:3, (Matt. 7:15 Luke 10:13) John 10:12-13

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

We put ourselves in harms way

the moment we Doubt or Deny

our _____.

DISTORTION ~ Twisting the Truth v. 30

Jesus on False Teachers - *Matt. 7:15-23, 10:16, Luke 10:3 2 Pet. 2:1-3*

... They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2 Peter 2:1

Satan, always has and will continue to try and redefine . . .
God, Humanity, Sin, Punishment, Salvation, Eternity

Are we _____ in to a correct Biblical view?

DIVISION ~ Drawing People Away v. 30

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8

What are some of the greatest causes of division?

C _____, **C** _____,
S _____, **S** _____

Optional Readings: *Notice types of Distractions and Distortions*

1 Timothy 1-6 2 Timothy 1-4 Titus 1-3 Philemon 1