

# “Parting Words on Service and Success”

Acts 20:17-32

The Lord’s Day Morning

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Aimlessness robs us of joy and purpose. As God’s image-bearers, we are not created to be aimless, but to live with a God ordained purpose: to know, love, obey and exalt Jesus Christ. If that is our purpose, success in life is found in faithfully serving Christ. In Paul’s final words to the elders at Ephesus, he lays out the path to be a successful servant of Christ.

Paul’s past ministry to show six characteristics of a successful servant. (17-21)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:19; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Cor. 3:6-7; 2 Cor. 12:9)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:19-20; 1Thess. 2:8)
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:20; 19:28-30)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:21)
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth (Acts 20:21)

Paul’s present course shows that a servant of Christ measures \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_(22-24).

Paul’s charge for the future is a reminder that it is by \_\_\_\_\_ that we can experience success as a servant of Christ (32).