

HOW TO BE REMEMBERED

ACTS 20:1-35

WHO DO YOU REMEMBER AND WHY



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We Should Remember Special People

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,...” – Philippians 1:3

Paul was not only impacted by the legacy of others, but he left a legacy that inspired and blessed others

Paul gave us an example of how to leave a legacy and how to be remembered

Paul left a legacy because of his encouragement (v. 1-3)

Demetrius, a silversmith who crafted images of Artemis, helped create a riot in Ephesus because of the preaching of the gospel.



After the uproar ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and after encouraging them, he said farewell..." (v. 1, 2)

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." – I Thess. 5:11

Paul left a legacy because of his persistence (v. 3-6)

Paul has faced opposition almost non-stop since he became a believer. (Acts 9)

After three months in Greece, a plot was made against him by the Jews – he returned to Macedonia – Preached, raised Eutychus from the dead, and kept going. (v. 3ff)

O God, from my youth...even to old age...do not forsake me, until I proclaim ...to another generation.” (Psalm 71:17-18)



Paul left a legacy because he was available (v. 7-17)

Paul is on a mission to get to Jerusalem: he has longed for it and wants to get there as soon as possible. However:

- He was available to talk and to preach (v. 7)
- He was available to minister unexpectedly (v. 10)
- He was available to teach, help, and encourage the Ephesian elders.
- Are we able to interrupt our schedules to help?

Paul left a legacy because of his spiritual attitude (v. 18-24)

- Toward God – Service – “Serving the Lord with all humility...tears.. Trials...”(v. 19)
- Toward the church – “How I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you”...(v. 20)
- Toward the lost – Evangelism – testifying...of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (v. 21)
- Toward self – sacrifice (v. 22-24)

Paul left a legacy because of his priorities (v. 25-35)

➤ Declaring God and his whole counsel (v. 26)

Serving God was a priority (v. 32-35)

Following God was a priority (v. 28-31)

I have shown you that by working hard... "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (v.35)

What About Us?

We need to be people who:

- Give encouragement
- Are persistent
- Are Available
- Have spiritual attitudes
- Have the right priorities In life.

