



"How God Provides Protection For His Church–Pt. 4"

In Acts 20:17-38, there are 4 essential practices of faithful ministry from the Apostle Paul that are necessary for all Christians:

(1 Cor 11:1; Php 3:17; 2 Cor 6:15; Col 1:24-29; Php 2:14-18; 1 Cor 9:26-27)

- I. A selfless practice that points others to turn only to Christ–vv.17-21
- II. A sacrificial practice that strives to be faithful through hardship–vv.22-24
- III. A safeguarding practice that provides for the care of others–vv.25-32

IV. A sincere practice that labors hard to bless others–vv.33-38

- i. By refusing to view people as those who must bless you–vv.33-35

(1 Tim 3:3; 1 Pet 5:2; Luke 12:13-21; 1 Thess 2:1-12; 2 Thess 3:6-12)

- ii. By embracing a consequential deep bond forged in love–vv.36-38

(Col 3:12-14; Jn 12:23-28, 10:11-15, 27-28, 4:31-34, 6:38-40, 51, 3:16; Eph 5:25)