

IN YOUR MINISTRY

ACTS 20:13-38

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: If we are in Christ, we have a ministry. In this lesson Paul gives us an excellent example on how to live and conduct our ministry.

SERVE WITH GREAT HUMILITY. God showers grace (His power) on humble leadership. Allow Christ in you to be evident to all to whom you minister. (**Acts 20:19, fn 20:18-21, Luke 14:11, fn 14:11, I Peter 5:5, 6, fn 5:6, Ephesians 4:1-8, fn 4:1,2, Philippians 2:1-11, fn 2:3**) *When someone leads without humility, what do they share? Explain.*

GIVE UP YOUR LIFE. Good soldiers on the battlefield consider themselves as dead. Our new life finds its greatest fulfillment when our life is spent and totally consumed in sharing with others the gospel of Jesus Christ. (**Acts 20:24, fn 20:24[1st], fn 20:24[2nd], Philippians 3:7-15, fn 3:12-14, Romans 12:1, 2, fn 12:1**) *Why is it important to know that your old life is dead when you minister?*

GUARD YOUR LIFE and the lives in your ministry. With God's grace, build up your faith and the faith of those around you. Help them to be "mighty" in the Scriptures. Continually monitor the spiritual condition of people in your care. (**Acts 20:25-32, fn 20:31, 36-38, I Timothy 4:6-16, fn 4:7-10, fn 4:14, 15, II Timothy 3:10-4:5, fn 3:17, fn 4:1, 2**) *Why is it so important that men participate in small groups and hold each other accountable?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others?

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

