

GIVERS ARE HAPPIER THAN GETTERS

Acts 20:32-38

Theme: What makes one worthy to be commended as a giver

WBC, Sunday a.m., February 4, 2024, Pastor Dan Unruh

- I. PAUL'S **CONSISTENCY** IN THE PAST: *from the first day (18-21)*
- II. PAUL'S **CONFIDENCE** IN THE PRESENT: *and now, behold (22-28)*
- III. PAUL'S **CONCERN** FOR THE FUTURE: *after my departing (29-38)*
 - A. His Admonition (29-31)
 1. THE THREAT OF INTRUDERS LURKING TO GET IN (29)
 2. THE THREAT OF INSIDERS EVOLVING TO RISE UP (30)

B. His C_____tion (32-38)

"Commend" = "to en_____"; to deposit for safekeeping."

1. PAUL'S WOR__S OF COMMENDATION (32)

- a. Wh__ is commending?
- b. Wh__ is he commending?
- c. To Wh__ is he commending them?
 - 1) GOD
 - 2) THE WORD OF HIS GRACE
- d. To Wh__ is he commending them?

2. PAUL'S WOR__S OF COMMENDATION (33-35)

- a. What he had not done (33) – I have not coveted
- b. What he had done (34) – I have shewed you

Paul was not "in it" for what he could g____, but for what he could g_____.

- 1) TOOK CARE OF _____ NEEDS (34)
- 2) TOOK CARE OF _____' NEEDS (35)
 - a) As Paul S_____
 - b) As the Lord Jesus S_____

The present tense of the verbs "give" and "receive" tell us that the practitioner could be known either as a "give__" or a "get_____."

3. PAUL'S TOUCHING FAREWELL (36-38)