What Paul Showed The Ephesians
Acts 20:35

Introduction:
A. Paul had called for the elders of Ephesian church. (v. 17).
   1. Was in a hurry. (v. 16).
      a. But had time to assemble. (v. 7).
      b. But had time to exhort. (v. 17).
   2. Gave them farewell address.
      a. Reminded them of his past work among them.
      b. Warned them of a dangerous future.
B. Paul had shown them the real meaning of common words — in word and deed (v. 35).

Discussion:
I. He Showed Them Real Love.
   A. By keeping back nothing helpful or profitable. (v. 20; cf. 2 Tim 3:16,17; Tit. 3:9).
   B. By relieving himself of their blood. (v. 26; cf. Ezek. 33:1-10).
   C. By preaching the whole counsel of God. (vv. 27).
      1. Not just first principles.
      2. Not just current “issues”.
      3. Not just pleasing topics.
   D. Note: They returned his love. (vv. 36-37).

II. He Showed Them Real Determination. (v. 24).
   A. Unmoved by persecution. (v. 19).
   B. Unmoved by prospects of prison. (v. 23).

III. He Showed Them Real Danger.
   A. To the eldership. (v. 28).
   B. To the membership. (v. 28-29).
   C. From within. (v. 30).

IV. He Showed Them Real Labor.
   A. Secular work. (vv. 33, 34).
      1. Had right to refrain from working. (1 Cor. 9:6; cf. 2 Cor 11:8; Lk 10:7).
      2. Had special need to work at Ephesus.
         a. To avoid charge of covetousness. (v. 33)
         b. Became example to others. (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10).
   B. In the spiritual realm.
      1. Publicly and privately. (v. 20).
      2. Night and day. (v. 31).

V. He Showed Them Real Generosity. (v. 35).
   1. Should give to common fund. (2 Cor. 9:6-7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
   2. Should give to individual needs. (1 John 3:17).

VI. He Showed Them The Real Church. (v. 28).
   1. Same as kingdom. (v. 25; cf. Mt. 16:18,19).
   2. Purchased by blood. (v. 28).

Conclusion:
1. Have you not now been shown?
2. Why not obey what you have been shown?