

## The Christian Worker as an Example

### A Scriptural Illustration: Acts 20:17-38 Elliott Van Ryn

- I. An example in his MANNER: v.18
- 1) An example of consistency: vs. 18-31 from the first day ...at all seasons
  - 2) An example of condescension: v.19 serving the Lord with all humility
  - 3) An example of compassion: v.19 with many tears. V.31
  - 4) An example of conflicts: v.19 temptations / trials Acts 9:6 2Corinthians 12:10;23
  - 5) An example of courage: vs.23-24 bonds and afflictions... none of these things move me
- II. An example in his METHOD:
- 1) vs. 20 I kept back nothing... profitable vs. 26-27 pure from the blood of all men... declare unto you all the counsel of God
  - 2) v.20 I have showed / taught you. Acts 1:1; Luke 24:19 (show and tell)
  - 3) v.20 I have taught you publicly... house to house
  - 4) v.21 testifying both to Jews and Greeks
- III. An example in his MESSAGE:
- 1) v.21 repentance toward God... faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ
  - 2) v.21 The ministry received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God
  - 3) v.28 to elders Colossians 3:16 Teaching and Admonishing
    - a. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock
    - b. Alerted to dangers within
    - c. Alerted to dangers without
    - d. Commended to (1) God (2) and the Word of His grace
- IV. An example in MONEY MATTERS:
- 1) v.33 I have coveted no mans gold
  - 2) v.34 These hands have ministered unto my necessities, and them...with me 1Corinthians 9:7-15; 1Thessalonians 2:4-5; 9,10; 2Thessaloman 3:7-8
  - 3) an example of handling funds of the church. 1Corinthians 16:3,4
  - 4) more blessed to give Acts 20:3
- V. An example in MISCELLANEOUS WAYS:
- 1) an example of prayer: v.36 he kneeled down and prayed with them all Acts 9:11
  - 2) an example of praise: Acts 16:25 Sing praises unto God Ephesians 1:3;6