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ATTITUDES THAT KILL THE ALL-IN MINDSET:

Paid Elders: Our calling is a _____.

Unpaid Elders: Our calling is a _____ .

PAUL'S CONVICTION:

All for Jesus.

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. —Acts 20:28

If you are an elder which of these three need to be the focus of your prayers?

____ All truth, all people, all times.

____ All in.

____ All for Jesus.

____ All the above.

If you are not an elder will you pray for the elders in your church that we may live to the standard God has set before us in the example of Paul.

THE BOOK OF ACTS:

THE MODEL FOR CHURCH ELDERS

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Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for

I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ”

—Acts 20:17–35 (ESV)

PAUL OUR MODEL

Paul's _____.

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PAUL'S MISSION:

ALL _____ to ALL _____ at ALL _____.

“I did not shrink from declaring to you anything (ALL TRUTH) that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house (ALL TIMES), 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks (ALL PEOPLE) of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

—Acts 20:20-21 (ESV)

“ Don't just read books about the Bible and don't just read books about people who read the Bible, but read the actual Bible. That's where the real power is found.” --David Asscherick

“The members of our large churches are not in the most favorable situation for spiritual growth or for development of efficient methods of labor. They are inclined to let others bear the burdens that the Lord designs all should have a part in carrying. Perhaps there may be a number of good workers, and these take up the work so spiritedly that the weaker ones do not see where they can get hold, so they settle down in idleness. It is a mistake for our people to crowd together in large numbers. It is not in harmony with God's plans. It is His will that the knowledge which we receive of the truth should be communicated to others; that the light which shines upon us should be reflected upon the pathway of those walking in darkness, so that we may lead others to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. But where a large number are congregated together in one church, this work in a large measure is neglected, and the light of truth is often only reflected back and forth upon the church-members; the world is left in darkness, the alarm is not sounded, the warning message from Heaven is not given.”

—Ellen G. White, *Review and Herald*, 1895.

PAUL'S MINDSET:

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