

Series: Acts the Blueprint for Church Health
Message: Doing Church Right
Acts 20:17-38 (AM 11/11/07)

Paul's missionary journeys have come to an end. He has begun the last journey of his life and ministry that will take him to Jerusalem and finally Rome. Paul stops in Miletus and shares with the leaders of his beloved church plant in Ephesus. His address was more than a defense of his ministry; it was his magna carter of *how to do church right*. It remains a clear mandate for ministers and members of Christ's Church.

1st The Priority of Servant hood in the Kingdom. (18)

"In what manner I always lived among you..."

- Believers should commit to the Body.

2nd The Priority of Sharing Life. (19-20)

"I kept back nothing that was helpful..."

- Believers should care for one another.

3rd The Priority of Showing Jesus. (21)

"Testifying to Jews and also to Greeks..."

- Believers should confess Christ openly.

4th The Priority of Serving Others. (22-26)

"The ministry I received from the Lord Jesus..."

- Believers should compliment one another.

5th The Priority of Shepherding the Flock. (27-31)

"The Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God..."

- Believers should cooperate against the enemy.

6th The Priority of Stewardship in the Church. (32-35)

"It is more blessed to give than receive..."

- Believers should contribute with their tithes and offerings.

7th The Priority of Supplication by the Body. (36-38)

"He knelt down and prayed with them all..."

- Believers should connect regularly with God.

Application to life: Considering the priorities for church health set forth by Paul – *What areas must we commit to prayer for ourselves & leaders?*