



Acts 20:33-38

Paul's Tender Care for the Church

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Paul's Financial Practices

Acts 20:33-34 (NASB)

"I have **coveted no one's silver or gold** or clothes. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me.

- Paul did receive gifts from some churches but was most interested in the offering for Jerusalem
- What Paul rejected was any financial arrangement that could compromise the gospel
- We see this also in 1 Thess. 2:5-6

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Words of the Lord Jesus

Acts 20:35 (NASB)

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember **the words of the Lord Jesus**, that He Himself said, '**It is more blessed to give than to receive.**'"

- This citation of Jesus is not found in any of the gospels
- The apostle considered the teaching of Christ as binding on the church (see 1 Tim. 6:3)
- This shows the value of work and giving

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A Prayerful Departure

Acts 20:36-38 (NASB)

When he had said these things, **he knelt down and prayed with them all**. And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship.

- The church in Ephesus has a prominent place in the New Testament
- Their relationship with Paul was one of mutual love

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Set Free From Satan—2 Domains

Three Ways of Describing Conversion

1) From the lie to the truth

Jn 8:31-32; Jn 8:44; Jn 18:37; 2 Thes 2:10-12 LEB

2) From darkness to light

Jn 3:19-21; Jn 12:46; Acts 26:18; Eph 5:8; 1 Pet 2:9

3) From death to life

Eph 2:4-6; Rom 5:17; 1Jn 3:13-14; Jn 5:24

Not geographical: 1 John 5:18-19

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