

Lessons & Observations from Acts 20

1. Brethren need to partake of the Lord's Supper every "first day of the week."
Acts 20:7
2. People should not fall asleep during the preaching.
3. Elders need to protect the purity of the church over which they have the oversight.
4. There is a big difference between "oversee" and "overlook." Too many prefer the "overlook" to the "oversee" and the "oversight."
5. Elders are to be led . . . not misled.
6. Elders are to see that the church is fed the truth—and fed it properly.
7. Christian parting can bring temporary sadness. Sometimes it is hard to say good-by to those we love so dearly.
8. "Grievous wolves" are still entering congregations today.
9. Some false teachers arise from the leadership.
10. The work of God can build men up.
11. Congregations can cooperate in helping in the Lord's work.
12. It is still ". . . more blessed to give than to receive." **Acts 20:35**
13. Enemies of the truth still lie in wait for teachers of truth.
14. Preachers and teachers should not keep back that which is needed.
15. Christians need 20/20 vision—**Acts 20:20** vision. That is, Christians still need to teach ". . . publicly, and from house to house."
16. We do not know all things that will befall us in the future.
17. We still ought to labor so as to support the weak.
18. "All the counsel of God" should still be declared. **Acts 20:27**
19. God has an inheritance prepared for us. **Acts 20:32**
20. The Christian life should be lived with joy.
21. Christians need to live and teach so as to be ". . . pure from the blood of all men." **Acts 20:36**
22. False teachers draw people away from the truth in three ways:
 - a. They attack the believers themselves by sowing discord and mischief.
 - b. They teach error, thus perverting the truth either by taking away from the word or by adding to it.
 - c. They attack the leadership, blemishing and defaming their character and work, thus stirring up believers against them.

23. God helps others through the financial giving of His children.
24. Congregations of the Lord's church may experience difficulties to the point that financial help may be needed from sister congregations in other places.
25. The way of Christians is not always an easy way.
26. The message of salvation is so important so as never to miss an opportunity to share it with others.
27. God's blessings far outweigh life's difficulties.
28. Even in the face of hard times, do not shrink from fulfilling the Lord's will for your life.
29. One's strong Christian character can be a good example to others.
30. What one puts into life is more important than what he gets out of life.
31. Single-mindedness is a quality needed by anyone who wishes to do God's work.
32. God still needs those who would become strong and faithful missionaries.
33. Godliness with contentment is still great gain. "Now godliness with contentment is great gain." **1 Timothy 6:6**
34. Christians working in groups can accomplish much good.
35. One should encourage faithful brethren wherever one goes.
36. Never fail to partake of the Lord's Supper each and every first day of the week.
37. Meaningful work and Christian relationships may be both a source of tears as well as a source of joy.
38. Whether taught publicly or privately, it is God's truth that should be taught.
39. The message of God still shows the necessity of turning from sin and turning to God.
40. Life lived apart from God's work is meaningless. Life lived in God's work is meaningful.
41. Live and teach so that no one's damnation can be blamed on you.
42. Even some elders depart from the faith.
43. The greatest price (the blood of Christ), was paid by the greatest man (Jesus Christ, the Son of God), for the greatest institution on earth (the church) . . . Never minimize either!
44. God's Word can build us up.
45. God's Word reveals the inheritance we can have with Him.
46. Never covet anything that belongs to another.
47. Christian farewells can be hard.
48. Never be afraid to work extra in order to help others.

49. Evil still plots against truth.
50. Endure the trials that may come, for God will not allow them to last forever.
They cannot reach into eternity!