



More Blessed to Give than to Receive— Really? Really!

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Acts 20:17-35

Have you ever had to say “goodbye” to someone you cared about? Have you ever had to say “goodbye” knowing you wouldn’t see them again? That’s tough—real tough. One thing that makes relationships so special is being with that person or persons. Absence may or may not make the heart grow fonder, but there is still heart ache! In our text today, the Apostle Paul has a hard “goodbye” he has to say to those who have labored with him for God’s Kingdom in Ephesus.

This address, however, is unique in that it reveals Paul the comforter rather than Paul the evangelist or defender of the faith. There were three parts to his farewell: the past (vv. 18-21), the present (vv.22-27) and the future (vv.28-35).

↳ **The Review of the Past: Motive, Manner, and Message of the Apostle Paul**

↳ **The Testimony of the Present: “I’m an Accountant, a runner, a steward, a witness, a herald, and a watchman.”**

↳ **A Warning of the Future: There are Dangers around us, among us, and within us.**
