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Acts 20:17-38

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Paul was also _____ over the temptations of the flesh.

- When the Lord calls a person to Himself by grace, there is a dual response: a turning away from self and sin toward God, and a complete _____ on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

II. Bound in the Spirit. Acts 20:22-27

Paul was a willing slave to the Lord, and he was bound by the direction of the Holy Spirit with shackles of _____ and _____.

- When Paul said, "***nor do I count my life dear to myself***", he wasn't being reckless or suicidal. Instead, he was communicating _____ to the Lord's will for his life.

III. A warning to the Church elders. Acts 20:28-31

The first thing a spiritual overseer needs to do is to cultivate and grow in their own _____ with the Lord.

- To prevent our hearts from _____ us, we must study the Word of God because it "***is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart***". It has all we need for life and godliness.

Attacks can come by _____ our call, allowing false doctrine, or allowing power-hungry people to have their way.

IV. Farewell. Acts 20:32-38

By handing them over to the Lord, Paul reminded the leaders that the Church belongs to _____, not to any human.

- Spiritual growth does not happen by human _____ alone, but through the transformative power of God's Word.

The ***inheritance*** is shared among all who are _____, which means set apart from the world for Christ. ***Ephesians 1:13-14***

V. Practical Application.

Commentators say that because the Church failed to blend its strict adherence to truth with _____, its spiritual impact and divine protection faded away. ***John 4:24***

1. Ask the Lord to relight the fire and give you a new _____.
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3. Once you are walking in His grace, _____ the Good News.
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