

FOCUS AREAS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

SUMMARY OF PAUL'S MESSAGE TO EPHESIAN LEADERS

- ❖ A quick synopsis of Paul's message
 - ◆ Covering important areas
 - ◆ Don't try to focus on all seven areas. What resonates?

FIVE IMPORTANT AREAS (ACTS 20:17-25 NKJV)

- ❖ Live as an example
 - ◆ One of our most powerful tools in reaching people (*1 Corinthians 11:1 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Imitate = follow; the actual Greek word is where we get mimic
- ❖ Serve the Lord with humility
 - ◆ Really equates to serving the Lord with the right heart (*1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Nothing we do for Him is too small or a waste of our time
- ❖ Keep a tender heart toward God
 - ◆ Repentance - a change of mind from evil to good or from good to better
 - ◆ None of us knows it all or has the need to stop growing changing (*2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV*)
- ❖ Grow in faith toward the Lord Jesus
 - ◆ Faith in what He has done for us in His death, burial and resurrection
 - ◆ Faith in who we are in Him (*Colossians 2:6-7 NKJV*)
- ❖ Make this less about me
 - ◆ The more we focus on ourselves it sets us up to be moved, influenced by the circumstances
 - ◆ A message of maturity is a crucified life (*Galatians 2:20 NKJV*)

TWO MORE IMPORTANT AREAS (ACTS 20:32-35 NKJV)

- ❖ Allow God and His word to have a bigger place
 - ◆ Don't separate the two, love God = loving His word (*Psalms 119:11 NKJV*)
 - ◆ Read, Speak, Meditate, Do (*1 Timothy 4:15 NKJV*)
- ❖ Increase the blessing level
 - ◆ By increasing giving (*2 Corinthians 9:11-12 NIV*)