

LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD?

Part 1: What Moves You

PAUL'S ENDING WORDS TO THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS (Acts 20:22-24 NKJV)

- A. Last words are important
 - 1. Paul was convinced he would not see these leaders again
 - 2. What's in your heart comes out especially at a time such as this
- B. These last words give a framework for year end reflection
 - 1. Not just thinking about the new year but reflecting on the past year

WHAT MOVES US?

- A. Taking an honest introspective look at our lives
 - 1. What did we handle well this year?
 - 2. What moved us?
 - 3. Different things impact us individually
- B. David's example
 - 1. He would not move against Saul (**1 Samuel 24:11-12 NKJV**)
 - 2. David was moved by disrespect (**1 Samuel 25:10-13; 21-22 NKJV**)
 - 3. David was also willing to adjust (**1 Samuel 25:32-33 NKJV**)

AN ADJUSTING LIFESTYLE (Acts 20:17-21 NKJV)

- A. Paul listed his life as an example
 - 1. Not just what Paul taught but how he lived
 - 2. Our lives speak (**1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV**)
- B. Serving the Lord with all humility
 - 1. Paul was not in it for himself - he was serving the Lord
 - 2. Humility - an attitude or an approach towards God
- C. Abigail's example (**1 Samuel 25:23-24 NKJV**)
 - 1. Nothing defiant in her approach
 - 2. She took responsibility - even though it was not her fault
 - 3. She was not demanding and David listened (**James 4:6, 10 NKJV**)