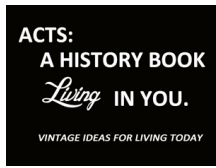


A Final Thought.

What would your last words to good friends be? Here are Paul's.

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IDOLATRY:

Anything can be turned into a source of our hope and meaning, into our salvation or a type of god.

Parent's approval / kids doing well money / career / your looks / personal achievement / political or social cause.

Trouble, trouble, & MORE trouble...

Acts 20:1-4 When the uproar had ended (in Ephesus), Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said goodbye and set out for Macedonia. ²He traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece, ³ where he stayed three months. Because some Jews had plotted against him just as he was about to sail for Syria, he decided to go back through Macedonia.

Eutychus' = "Lucky" [Longer than Dan?]

Acts 20:7-9 Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. ⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.

"Karl Marx wrote that communists are dead men on furlough, i.e., they treat themselves as though they are as good as dead. They have nothing to lose so they are ready for anything. That characterizes even better what a Christian really is. He is really a dead man on furlough. He wants nothing for himself, but wants only to have God exalted, Christ revealed." -Ray Stedman Acts 20 "Last Words".

Ephesian Farewell

Acts 20:25 & 27 "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁷ For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

- Everyone is a *PROMOTER*.

What are you a proponent of? _____

- Passion to share?

Truly *GRATEFUL* people tend to share with others about the gift they have been given.

Acts 20:28-31 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock ²⁹ I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰ Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹ So be on your guard!

- Influence: Who (or what) has the most influence in your life?

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

- Follow THE Leader: Paul followed Jesus' example of generosity and encouraged others to do the same.

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