



PLENARY 1

# CHURCH UNDER ATTACK!

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**“Keep Watch...”** (NIV)  
**“Be on guard...”** (NASB)  
**“Be on your toes...”** (Message)

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## Personal Transparency and Resilience

Acts 20:18-19 (ESV)

“<sup>18</sup> You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;”



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## Personal Courage and Truthfulness

Acts 20:20-21 (ESV)

“<sup>20</sup> how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,  
<sup>21</sup> testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”





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## Personal Conviction and Fearlessness

Acts 20:22-24 (ESV)

“<sup>22</sup> And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup> But I do not account my life of any value nor





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Acts 20:22-24 (ESV)

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

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## Personal Integrity and Wisdom

Acts 20:26-27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,  
<sup>27</sup> for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.



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- 1 Personal Transparency and Resilience**  
Paul lived the truth
- 2 Personal Courage and Truthfulness**  
Paul spoke the truth
- 3 Personal Conviction and Fearlessness**  
Paul risked it all for the truth
- 4 Personal Integrity and Wisdom**  
Paul kept the truth





The foundation of our ministry has always been our commitment to the Word of God as the absolute supreme standard of truth to which we are to conform our lives...

When we fall short of that standard due to



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which we are to conform our lives...

When we fall short of that standard due to sin, we are required to repent and restore our relationship with God.

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our relationship with God.

A number of years ago, I fell short of that standard. I am, therefore, required to apply the same biblical standard of repentance and restoration to myself that I have applied to others.”



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*The true Christian's nostril  
is to be continually attentive  
to the inner cesspool.*

*C.S. Lewis*

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## **Acts 20:28-32 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking





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# TOUGH WORDS & TENDER TEARS

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# Entrust PEOPLE TO GOD & HIS WORD

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No. 1 factor people look  
for in a church is:

# Quality of Preaching



***‘Is your preaching helpful?  
An assessment tool.’***

by Carey Nieuwhof

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