



Bodybuilders And Bodyguards

Acts 20:28-35

Series: Acts, #23

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Theme: **The church must have alert leadership.**

The double imperative to church leaders: Be on guard! Be alert!

1. Be on guard and alert for yourselves. (28)
2. Be on guard and alert for the church. (28, 32)

Why must church leaders be alert?

1. Because leaders are chosen by God. (28)
2. Because the church has been purchased by Christ's blood. (28)
3. Because leaders and all the church need to be built up in God and His word. (32)
4. Because leaders and all the church need to be guarded from false teaching and false teachers. (29-30)
5. Because leaders need to guard their hearts and ministries. (33-35)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Acts 20:28-35. The church must have alert leadership to be on guard and build up themselves and the church. Go back to verse 28. Leaders are chosen by God and then are to be recognized or appointed by the church. The church is so valuable to Christ that He purchased us with His blood. Why does this mean our leaders need to be alert?

Tuesday. The church requires alert leadership because it needs to be built up in God and His word—see verse 32. Are you growing in both your love for God and the knowledge of His word? How are our church leaders helping you grow spiritually? Are there some other ways in which you think they could help you. If so, talk with them about your thoughts.

Wednesday. Read Acts 20:28-35. Our church needs alert leaders to guard us from false teaching and false teachers. Go back and reread verses 29-30. False teaching departs from truths that are essential to true Christian faith. What examples come to your mind? Pray for wisdom and discernment for our leaders.

Thursday. Read Acts 20:28-35 again. Our leaders need to be alert in order to guard their hearts and ministries (see verses 33-35). Pray for the leaders in our church to continue to have open hearts and sensitive spirits to God's values and priorities.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at chapters 21 - 26. Survey this section in preparation for our time together.