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**How It Changes Everything!**

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### Acts 20:1-38 "Legacy"

Not "if" but "when" you die what will be your legacy? What will you have been known for? How will people remember you? How do you want to impact those around you? Luke 12:13-21  
Are you rich toward God?

#### A Person Who Is Rich toward God...

##### Verses 1-3

- Is encouraging even when their life is discouraging. (2Cor. 1:3-4, 4:16-18, 12:8-10)

##### Verses 4-6

- Needs encouragement & accountability just like everyone else. (Heb. 3:12-13, 10:24-25)

##### Verses 7-12

- Has a love for God's Word and an urgency to communicate it. (Josh.1:8; Matt. 4:4; Rom. 10:17; 2Tim. 3:16-17; Heb.4:12)

##### Verses 13-16

- Often withdraws to lonely places and prays. (Mark 1:35; Luke 4:42; Matt. 6:5-15)

##### Verses 17-21

- Humbly but confidently speaks the truth in love calling others to repentance. (Eph. 4:15; 25; Mark 1:7-8)

##### Verses 22-24

- Testifies to the gospel of the Grace of God either by life or death. (Job 1:21-22; Phil1:21)

##### Verses 25-35

- Has the heart of a Shepherd and not of a hireling or a wolf. (John 10:1-15; 1Pet. 5:1-4)

##### Verses 36-38

- When he/she departs people are not in despair or indifferent but hope filled sadness. (Eph. 2:19; Acts 2:42-47; Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:10; 1Thess. 4:13)

"Only one life, will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last." - C.T. Studd



# Growing

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- 1) Not “if” but “when” you die what would you like to leave as a legacy? Why do you think most people don’t give death much thought until they have a close brush with it or lose someone close to them? When it comes to legacy why is it important to keep a current perspective of eternity? What does Luke 12:13-21 teach us about legacy?
  
- 2) Read Acts 20:1-38. What stands out to you? A person rich toward God is encouraging even when their life is discouraging. How is that possible? (2Cor. 1:3-4, 4:16-18, 12:8-10) Why is receiving encouragement & accountability just as important as giving it (Heb. 3:12-13, 10:24-25)?
  
- 3) What role does God’s Word & prayer play in the life of someone who is rich toward God? How do verses 17-21 show Paul humbly but confidently speaking the truth in love calling others to repentance?
  
- 4) What does it mean to testify to the gospel of the Grace of God either by life or death (Job 1:21-22; Phil1:21)? What is the difference between the heart of a Shepherd and that of a hireling and a wolf (vv25-35; John 10:1-15; 1Pet. 5:1-4)?
  
- 5) What does it mean it is more blessed to give than to receive (v25)? Why would a good legacy not be despair or indifferent but hope filled sadness in departing? Review the 8 points. Which one(s) are strengths & growth areas? What’s your next step? Pray