

The Church's Blood

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Acts 20:26, 28.

B. The lifeblood of the church is people sharing what they know.

II. Paul's activity.

A. He was serving the Lord.

1. Paul allowed nothing to deviate him from this call.

2. Paul served with humility because he was conscious of his own failures.

B. He kept back nothing that was profitable from people.

C. He declared with authority, taught and testified.

D. Paul encouraged others to do what they saw him doing. His living example undergirded what he taught.

III. Paul's attitude.

A. Paul counted his life only dear to God and dear for others—not unto himself. We ought to be careful not to fill our life for inconsequential things.

B. Paul counted his life a course.

C. Paul came to minister and not to be ministered unto.

Application questions:

1. Can others follow what you say by what you do? Explain.

2. What made Paul's ministry so effective?

3. What truths do Christians tend to shy away from today? How can we graciously yet boldly communicate these truths?
