



## Sermon Notes

### Acts 20:28–31 (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 twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

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**(Answer key located on next page)**

## **Introduction**

Paul knew that danger comes from \_\_\_\_\_ directions:

1. From the \_\_\_\_\_ fierce wolves that attack openly.
2. From the \_\_\_\_\_ - from those we trust most.

## **I. Personal Protection (Acts 20:28a)**

*"Pay careful attention to \_\_\_\_\_ and to all the flock"*

The order matters: \_\_\_\_\_ first, then the flock.

The Vigilance Plan:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ minutes of Bible study and prayer before checking your phone.
2. Meet \_\_\_\_\_ with someone who will ask hard spiritual questions.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the media influences that weaken your faith.

## **II. Predators from the Outside (Acts 20:29)**

*"I know that after my departure \_\_\_\_\_ will come in among you"*

These spiritual predators:

- Target believers to \_\_\_\_\_ their faith.
- Don't announce their \_\_\_\_\_ intentions.
- Show \_\_\_\_\_ toward those they mislead.

Truth-Testing Toolkit:

1. Get a \_\_\_\_\_ app with cross-references.
2. Find \_\_\_\_\_ mature Christians as accountability partners.
3. Set up your \_\_\_\_\_ evaluation checklist.

**Every spiritual teacher must be:**

- Connected to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Teaching the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.
- Showing \_\_\_\_\_ about what they don't know.

### III. Problems from the Inside (Acts 20:30-31)

*"From among your own \_\_\_\_\_ will arise men speaking  
things"*

The most dangerous threat isn't the obvious \_\_\_\_\_ - it's  
the trusted \_\_\_\_\_.

Emergency Exit Plan:

1. Familiarize yourself with other \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ churches in your area.
2. Write down \_\_\_\_\_ core biblical doctrines you would  
never compromise.
3. Prepare before you're in \_\_\_\_\_.

### PERSONAL REFLECTION:

What area of spiritual vigilance do you need to strengthen most?

Circle one:

- Daily Bible study and prayer
- Evaluating spiritual influences
- Accountability relationships
- Testing teachers against Scripture

Write one specific way you've been spiritually "drifting" lately:

### COMMITMENT:

I commit to implementing the following from today's sermon  
(check all that apply):

- ☐ Start daily 15-minute Bible study before checking phone
  - ☐ Find an accountability partner within 2 weeks
  - ☐ Audit my media influences this week
  - ☐ Create my teacher evaluation checklist
  - ☐ Research Bible-believing churches in my area
  - ☐ Write down my 5 core non-negotiable biblical doctrines
1. **This Week:** Choose one item from your commitment list  
and take action
  2. **This Month:** Complete your Truth-Testing Toolkit setup
  3. **Ongoing:** Practice the Vigilance Plan daily

## Answer Key

**Introduction:** two | outside | inside

### I. Personal Protection:

- yourselves
- yourselves
- Fifteen
- monthly
- Audit

### II. Predators from the Outside:

fierce wolves | destroy |  
destructive | no mercy | Bible |  
three | teacher | church  
|accurately | humility

### III. Problems from the Inside:

Selves | twisted | enemy | friend  
Bible-believing | five | crisis

#### The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

#### The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
(Romans 3:23)

#### The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

#### The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 6:23a )

#### Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins.**

**Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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