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## **SERVE WITH HUMILITY!**

- It would be interesting to sit down with Paul and talk. Oh the stories he could tell (2 Co 11:16-12:10; Ph 3:8)
- Paul would say the point is to SERVE the Lord
  δουλεύω (dool-yoo'-o) to serve as a slave, giving up the right to self govern.
- True leadership is done from service and humility -Servant leadership (Ph 2:1-11)
- · But all Christians should serve the Lord in humility too (CI
- We should humbly serve Jesus and encourage other to do so too

BE DILIGENT!

- Diligent showing care, expedience, and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.
- Paul was faithful to preach, teach, and declare Christ because it was of the utmost importance (vs 24)
- Paul cannot express the weight of this so he demonstrates it...sets the example
- Ro 1:14-17 It is the Power of God for Salvation!
- When you realize the true gravity of this message and calling you can't turn back
- We need to understand the full weight and value of the gospel message and share it with others.

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**KEEP WATCH!** 

- Paul tells them to watch out and guard against wolves! -FALSE TEACHERS AND PROPHETS
- False teaching is a major concern for the church and every believer (Mt 7:15-16a; 2 Peter 2:1-3).
- The Ephesian Elders took this advice (Re 2:2)
- We must balance strong doctrine with love for Jesus and
- We need to be on guard against false doctrines and teachings that can lead us down the slippery path.

SUCH SWEET SORROW There is deep sorrow in this passage. His message is vitally important: Serve Humbly, Be Diligent, Keep Watch. Paul knows that this most likely will be the last time he sees these men. Hard times lie ahead...maybe even But there is also sweet hope and encouragement for us. Sorrow and hardships are temporary in the scheme of eternity. Those who are in Christ will not be parted forever. We want to invite you to be a part of the sweet side knowing that there is an eternal home for you with Jesus Christ.

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