Northwest Bible Church - June 21, 2020 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 20:28-38**

*Exhortations to Elders*

Intro

**A. WHAT ARE ELDERS?**

 1. Elders (Acts 20:17) - plural.

 2. Overseers (Acts 20:28a) -

 3. Shepherds (Acts 20:28b) -

 4. Appointed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28).

**B. GUARD YOURSELF (Acts 20:28) - Exhortation #1**

 1. The exhortation: “Be on guard” -

 2. The need for the exhortation.

 a. Elders are men with sin natures like everyone else.

 b. They will give an account. Heb. 13:17

 c. Elders cannot care for others if they neglect their own souls.

 d. Satan has his eye upon them.

**C. GUARD THE FLOCK (Acts 20:28-30) - Exhortation #2**

 1. Who is the flock?

 a. “flock” -

 b. church of God -

 c. purchased with His own blood -

 d. disciples (Acts 20:30) - learner, pupil. Followers of Jesus.

 2. Their enemies.

 a. Savage wolves will come in -

 b. Perverse men from within.

 c. False doctrine and sensual living.

**D. BE ON THE ALERT (Acts 20:31) - Exhortation #3**

 1. Alert -

 2. Motivation (Acts 20:31)

**E. FINAL TESTIMONY AND DEPARTURE (Acts 20:32-38).**

 1. “commend to God and the word of His grace” (Acts 20:32) -

 2. No coveting (Acts 20:33-35)

 3. Prayer and departure (Acts 20:36-38) -

Conclusion