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