CALVARY CHURCH

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Acts 20:32-36
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Acts 1-2: AD 30 Acts 20: _____

...Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis...
- Acts 19:35 (NIV)

...to testify solemnly of the gospel (euaggelion) *of the grace* (charis) *of God.*
- Acts 20:24 (NIV)

Gospel: *euaggelion* - good news; i.e. the gospel (OTESD)

Grace: *charis* - indicating favor on the part of the giver (VCED)

...Jesus advanced…in grace (charis) *with God... - Luke 2:52 (SLT)*

And Jesus grew…in favor (charis) *with God... - Luke 2:52 (NIV)*

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace (charis: _____)*, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*
- Acts 20:32 (NASB95)

While in Ephesus Paul wrote _____ (vv.33-35)

(Paul) *Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.*
- 1 Corinthians 9:13-14 (NIV)

Soon afterward, Jesus began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him...and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means. - Luke 8:1-3 (NASB)

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ...Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages." - Luke 10:5-7 (NIV)

...the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:18-19 (*NIV)*

God used Paul's work in Ephesus to:

1) Provide for himself and to _____ God's _____ (v.34)

You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions... - Acts 20:34 (NIV)

...he (Jesus) *is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. - Hebrews 8:6 (KJV)*

"But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day." - Deuteronomy 8:18 (NASB95)

"The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to..." - Deuteronomy 28:8 (NASB95)

And let them say continually, "The Lord be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." - Psalms 35:27 (NASB95)

"Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." - Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

2) Significantly _____ the ministry of the _____ (v.34)

He sent…Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia... - Acts 19:22 (NIV)

...Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions... - Acts 19:29 (NIV)

Paul…an apostle of Jesus Christ…and Sosthenes...
- 1 Corinthians 1:1 (NASB95)

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

3) Be the example of _____ (v.35)

Weak: *astheneoo* - to be weak, feeble; to be without strength, powerless (Thayer's)

Paul Taught and Modeled Biblical Prosperity:
I have no financial debt and I have more than enough resources to fulfill every divine assignment God has for me, and enough left to help others fulfill theirs

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. - 3 John 1:2 (KJV)