

Acts 20:28.

1. In the verse Paul apprehended:

1. Attack from without: "Grievous wolves entering in...not sparing the flock." Acts 20:29.

The picture: Heavy, strong, mighty, dangerous wolves.

2. Mischief from within: "Of your own selves shall men arise." Acts 20:30.

1. This is what the church has now to fear: The attacks of infidelity; the invitation of immorality, from without; AND the subtle and more perilous dangers of spiritual decline; the decay of faith; of injurious doctrines, of the breath of worldliness, within.

2. Paul charged these elders to do 3 things:

1. To keep diligently their own hearts. Verse 28; Prov.4:23.

2. To watch carefully the spirit and course of the people. Verse 28.

3. To sustain the spiritual life of the people by providing nourishment. V.28. Feed the Church of God

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