

## “CONFRONTING CONVENIENT CHRISTIANITY” Pt. 7

### I. ANALYZING THE HUMAN PROBLEM

### II. APPLYING THE DIVINE SOLUTIONS

### III. AN ATTENTIVE LOOK AT THE APOSTLE PAUL’S PERSPECTIVE

#### A. What does a godly, INCONVENIENCED LIFE look like?

1. Paul’s **PURPOSE** in ministry centered around \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Acts 20:19a)
2. Paul’s **POSTURE** in ministry involved an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:19a)
3. Paul’s **PRESSURES** in ministry included “*many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.*”  
(Acts 20:19b)
4. Paul’s **PREACHING** in ministry (Acts 20:20-21)...
5. Paul’s **PASSION** in ministry (Acts 20:22-24)...
6. Paul’s **PERSONAL EVALUATION** in ministry was that he was “\_\_\_\_\_ of  
*the blood of all men.*” (Acts 20:25-27)

\* What does this statement mean?

\* Were there witnesses who could vouch for his testimony?

\* How could Paul have a clear conscience in all of this; what had he done?

#### 7. Paul’s **PRIORITIES** in pastoral ministry... (Acts 20:28-32)

- a. it began with the need to “*take \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and to all  
the flock...*”

\* Is there a specific reason for this order?

\* Who ultimately appoints men as “*overseers*” over God’s flock?

\* What are these “*overseers*” called to do with the church?

b. it involved the need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the predators that would endanger the spiritual welfare of the sheep.

\* What are two places these spiritual predators will come from?

\* What will be their objective?

c. it included the necessities of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word of God.

\* Would worrying about it do any good? What did Paul repeatedly do?

\* What would ultimately bring spiritual edification in these believer's lives?

## 8. Paul's PERSONAL INTEGRITY in ministry... (Acts 20:33-35)

a. it included the absence of \_\_\_\_\_...

b. it included an example of trusting the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, even if it meant \_\_\_\_\_ employment.

\* Philippians 4:14-19; Ephesians 4:28

c. it allowed him to admonish them to “\_\_\_\_\_ *the weak*” and remember what Christ had said, “*It is more blessed to \_\_\_\_\_ than to receive.*”

\* Does any of this in Acts 20 sound like “convenient Christianity” to you?

\* Is your attitude and perspective in life and ministry similar to that of Paul's?