

The Heart Behind Ministry (vv. 14–15)

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His Model for Ministry

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Acts 20; Heb 13:17, 7

His Motives for Ministry

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Phil 2:3–5; James 4:6, 10; 1 Peter 5:5

The Call to Imitation (vv. 16–17)

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1 Cor 11:1; 2 Tim 3:10–11; Phil 2:19–20; Heb 13:7; 1 Thess 5:12

The Correction of a Spiritual Father (vv. 18–21)

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We See His Concern (v 18–19a)

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We His Criterion (vv 19b–20)

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We see His Fatherly Appeal (v 21)

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Rom 14:17

Discussion Questions

1. How does viewing the church as a family change the way we think about leadership, accountability, and correction?
2. Why is loving correction so rare in the church today? What keeps believers from accepting or giving it with humility?
3. What qualities should we look for in spiritual leaders or mentors who are worth imitating according to Scripture? How can we cultivate those same qualities in ourselves?
4. What evidence of spiritual power should we expect in our own lives and in our church?