



# The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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## "It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive"

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. . . and a cheerful greeting, friends, to each and every one of you who are tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. At this special season of the year we are reminded how God gave that most priceless gift--his son, that we through him might have life and have it more abundantly. Many no doubt are thinking of the gifts which they will be receiving now in a few days and of the gifts which they will be giving to others. Perhaps it would be well for us to ask ourselves this question: What am I giving to glorify God and what am I doing to help carry his great commission "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"?

Listen to this scripture from Acts 20: 35. Here Paul was speaking to the elders of the church, especially those from Ephesus and he was aware that he would see them no more. So naturally, he wanted to give them the best instruction he could to carry on the work of God. He spoke to them about feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made them overseers. He also warned them about greivous wolves which would enter in among them and not spare the flock. And friends, he was not talking about the wolves which roam the forest and slaughter the sheep on hillsides, but he was speaking about spiritual wolves which come in sheep's clothing. They would appear as ministers of God but inwardly they were filled with wickness and covetousness. Their supreme desire was for their own selfish gratification and not for the benefit of individual members of God's church. Now Paul warned the elders of Ephesus of these people and I am fully persuaded that this warning

is still good for us today because every one has not the interest of God's people at heart. We should know that and we should be warned of it before time.

Paul also pointed out that he had not been covetous of their silver, of their gold, or of their apparel. Infact he had laboured with his own hands to supply the needs of himself and the needs of those who were with him.

But one of the last things he told them was this verse which I want to give you now. "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Now, friends, it is only natural that we like to receive, but this scripture says that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive.

Now some of you may remember that on the broadcast of Sept. 1st I read to

