

Know Yourself

Assessment is an incredibly important part of any endeavour. Jesus' parables show us this, as does Paul's interactions with John Mark. Paul was also someone who knew himself, and who encourages others to know themselves. According to Calvin self-knowledge is only second to knowledge of God in importance, and is only possible in the light of our knowledge of our Creator and Redeemer. Before you embark on the dangerous, thrilling task of church planting - know yourself.

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- I. Acts 20 - Elders and gospel work
 - A. Living amongst
 - B. Serving the Lord
 - C. Courageous, contextual proclamation
 - D. Moral conviction and clear vocation
 - E. Personal Commitment and accountability
 - F. Deep love for the church

G. Fiercely protective against false teachers

H. Total hope and confidence in God's word

I. Untainted by greed

J. Generous justice flowing out of the preaching of God's word

K. Gospel relationships and goodbyes

II. The lists in the epistles

A. Titus

B. 2 Timothy

C. 1 Peter 5