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A Fond Farewell

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3. Paraphrase Paul's instructions to the elders in v. 28.
4. Describe the danger foreseen by Paul. How were the elders to prepare?
5. **Read vss. 32-35.** How would God sustain them?
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Getting Personal

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- Whether or not we are elders, how do all of us have a part in contributing to the health and strength of the church? (see 1 Thes 5:11; Eph 4:1-16)
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