



## ***“Bound in the Spirit”***

***Acts 20-21***

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There is a leadership crisis in our culture. It is especially obvious in the community of believers at a time when there is a crucial need for godly leaders.

Christians are needed to display qualities that will release the power of God into a world in decay. An impactful leader will be one guided by, controlled, and yielded to the Holy Spirit. Such a leader was the Apostle Paul who manifested four qualities of a Spirit-controlled leader in our study.

### ***FIRST QUALITY of a Spirit-controlled leader***

I. Uses his head wisely 20:1-6

A. To determine his ministry (1-2)

B. To direct his ministry (3)

C. To develop his ministry (4-6)

### ***SECOND QUALITY of a Spirit-controlled leader***

II. Opens his mouth boldly 20:7-12

A. When he spoke (7)

B. Who he spoke to (7)

C. What was their focus (7)

D. What was occurring (7-12)

### ***THIRD QUALITY of a Spirit-controlled leader***

III. Reveals his heart tenderly 20:13-38

A. His heart for service (18-21)

B. His heart for sacrifice (22-24)

C. His heart for saints (25-38)

### ***FOURTH QUALITY of a Spirit-controlled leader***

IV. Pursues his calling consistently 21:1-14

A. Counsel of people ignored (21:1-12)

B. Commitment maintained (13-14)

### ***RESPOND***

1. How would you evaluate your goal for the Christian life and ministry? Can you say that your goal is to be engaged in ministry yielding to the Spirit and relying on his power? Meditate upon Galatians 5:16-25 and evaluate his control in our lives.

2. How do we treat people with tenderness? Think of some of the ways this was lacking in our lives this week? How might this tenderness be displayed this week in our words and deeds?

3. Where do we seek our counsel for our direction in living the Christian life? Cp. John 16:12-14; James 1:5. How does the wisdom that God gives us enable us to be steadfast in the situations we face in our lives? Cp. Ephesians 6:13