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Paul's Third Missionary Journey

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1. Days Well Spent, vs 1-5

*Don't count the days,
make the days count*

Paul made the days count by ...

(a) Encouraging believers, vs1-2

coming alongside, for spiritual benefit

applying God's Word Rom 15.4

a primary reason for meeting together

Heb 10.25

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(b) Writing letters to believers

46-48 AD first missionary journey

48/49 AD Galatians, written from Antioch

50-52 AD second missionary journey

51/52 AD 1,2 Thess, written from Corinth

53-37 AD third missionary journey

55 AD 1 Cor, written from Ephesus

55 AD 2 Cor, written from Macedonia

57 AD Romans, written from Corinth

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(b) Writing letters to believers 1 Cor 16.4

problems in the Church at Corinth

divisions 1 Cor 1.11-12

- a first letter (lost) 1 Cor 5.9

- a second letter, 1 Corinthians

- a painful visit 2 Cor 2.1; 13.1-2

- a third letter (lost) 2 Cor 2.4; 12.8

- Titus not in Troas 2 Cor 2.12-13

- good news in Philippi 2 Cor 7.5-9

- a fourth letter, 2 Corinthians

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(b) Writing letters to believers

Paul's daily burden for the churches

2 Cor 11.28-29; Heb 13.17

(c) Pioneering new areas of outreach

Rom 15.19-20

(d) Raising funds for God's people

Rom 15.25-27; 1 Cor 16.1-2; 2 Cor 8-9

our giving should be

regular – for everyone – deliberate -

proportionate

willing – enthusiastic – cheerful - generous

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(e) Developing future leadership vs 4-5

no leader can work alone

team ministries are the most effective

(f) Being directed by the Lord vs 3,5

we should plan, but he directs Prov 19.21

2. Drama in Troas, vs 6-12

When did they meet? v7

*first day of week – the Lord's Day
to celebrate his resurrection*

Why did they meet? v7

*to break bread – the Lord's Supper
to remember his death*

What did they do? v7

learnt from God's Word – the Lord's Way

cultivate a healthy appetite for it

don't nod off during sermons!

listen with eyes wide open

*hang on Christ's every word **Luke 4.20***