

# ENGAGE THE FAMILY

## DEVOTION GUIDELINES

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2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

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## TALK TOGETHER.

1. How would you describe Paul in verse 18? How did he show that he was intentional?
2. What are the things he modeled based on verse 19? How about in verses 20 and 21?
3. In verse 22, what does it mean for Paul to be bound by the Spirit?
4. In verse 28, what is his message to the elders to prepare them for the future? What must they do?

## CONVICTION

I will live intentionally so I can be a blessing to others.

## APPLICATION

Like Paul, how can you be more intentional in your relationships?

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