

# Acts 20:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

## Analysis

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'I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.' Complete proclamation of divine truth, not selected comfortable portions, characterized Paul's ministry. 'All the counsel' includes difficult doctrines and uncomfortable applications.

## Historical Context

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The 'counsel of God' (boule tou theou) encompasses God's entire redemptive plan. Paul taught the whole scope of doctrine during his three-year Ephesian ministry.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What aspects of 'all the counsel of God' might ministers be tempted to avoid?
2. How does complete teaching differ from selective emphasis?

## Interlinear Text

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| οὐ    | γὰρ         | ὑπεστειλάμην | τοῦ    | μὴ    | ἀναγγεῖλαι | ὑμῖν     | πᾶσαν |
| not   | For         | I have       |        | G3361 | to declare | unto you | all   |
| G3756 | G1063       | G5288        |        |       | G312       | G5213    | G3956 |
| τὴν   | βουλὴν      | τοῦ          | θεοῦ   |       |            |          |       |
| G3588 | the counsel | G3588        | of God |       |            |          |       |
|       | G1012       |              | G2316  |       |            |          |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 20:20** (Parallel theme): And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

**1 Thessalonians 2:4** (References God): But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

**2 Corinthians 4:2** (References God): But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**Galatians 4:16** (Parallel theme): Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

**Acts 2:23** (References God): Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

**Psalms 32:11** (Parallel theme): Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

**Matthew 28:20** (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Luke 7:30** (References God): But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

