

A Good Ministry

Study 2. 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

A. A Successful Beginning. 2:1 What did the Thessalonian believers know about the coming of the Apostolic team? _____

B. Boldness Despite Opposition. 2:2

1. How had Paul and Silas “suffered and been mistreated” in Philippi? (See Acts 16:11-39). _____

2. What kind of opposition had they experienced in Thessalonica? (See Acts 17:1–10). _____

3. Despite the opposition, what had Paul and Silas done in Thessalonica? (1 Thess. 2:2) _____

4. What lesson is there for us?

C. Straightforward Exhortation. 2:3 Their gospel presentation was devoid of three things. What are they?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

D. Proper Motivation. 2:4

1. The team believed they had a very serious mission. In what way were they convinced they had God’s approval? _____

2. Who were they not trying to please? _____

3. Who were they trying to please? _____

4. Why? _____

E. Proper Methods. 2:5-7

1. What kind of speech had they avoided? 2:5a _____
2. What was not their hidden agenda? 2:5b _____

3. What did they not seek from humans? 2:6a _____

4. What did they not assert? 2:6b _____
5. Why might they have done so? 2:6b (Because they were _____
_____)
6. Rather than throwing their weight around, how had the team treated the Thessalonians? 2:7 _____

7. What can we learn about proper methods in serving others? _____

F. Self-Sacrifice. 2:8-9

1. What motivated the team's self-sacrifice? 2:8a _____
2. What were the apostles pleased to give to the Thessalonians? 2:8b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. Why? 2:8c _____
4. What was the intensity of the team? 2:9a _____
5. What kind of hours did they put in (doing manual labor)? 2:9b

6. Why did they work so hard? 2:9c _____

G. Ethical Conduct. 2:10

1. Who does Paul call as his witnesses? 2:10a
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
2. Paul described the team's behavior in three ways. How had the team conducted themselves? 2:10b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

H. Fatherly Speech. 2:11-12

1. Paul described their speech by using three verbs. What are they? 2:11
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____ each one like a _____
2. What were they begging these new Christians to do? 2:12a _____
3. To what two things does God call us believers? 2:12b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

I. Application. This passage has many examples of how we Christians ought to treat unbelievers whom we are trying to evangelize, as well as new converts. What have you learned about how you need to work with others?

1. _____
2. _____

3. _____
4. _____

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