

1 Thessalonians - Chapter Two

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1 You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure.

2 You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.

3 So you can see we were not preaching with any deceit or impure motives or trickery.

4 For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

5 Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money!

6 As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

7 As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children.

8 We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.

9 Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you.

10 You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers.

11 And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children.

12 We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 NLT

Encouragement:

You've been entrusted with so much, keep your motives _____

Challenge:

Share both the _____ and your _____ with others!

Remember: We are _____

GROUP QUESTIONS

GATHER

- *What is something you're thankful for this week?*
- *Do you have any needs? Can anyone help?*
- *Pray: Thanks & needs*

GROW

- *Read: 1 Thess. 2:1-12. What stands out to you?*
- *Re-read the same passage. What stood out to you this time? Why?*
- *What's the application to your life?*

GO

- *Who outside this group can you encourage this week?*
- *Pray: Blessing over the week ahead*

WEEKLY TIP

- *Rotate who gets to facilitate each week's discussion.*
- *Bonus: Create a schedule!*