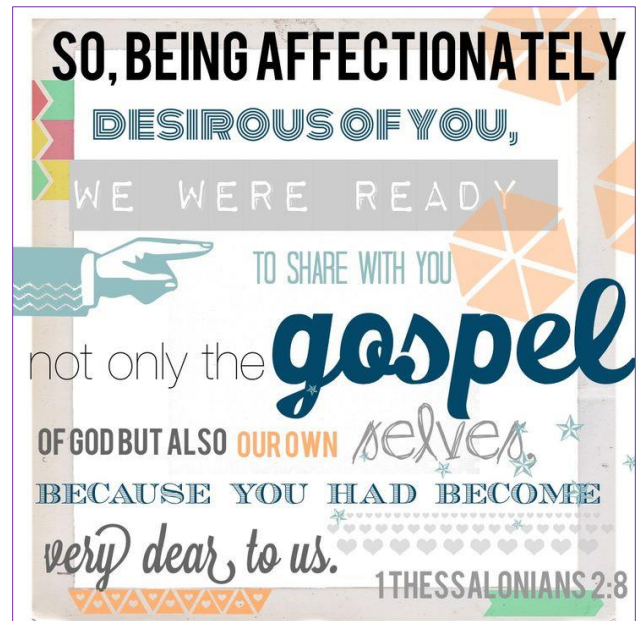
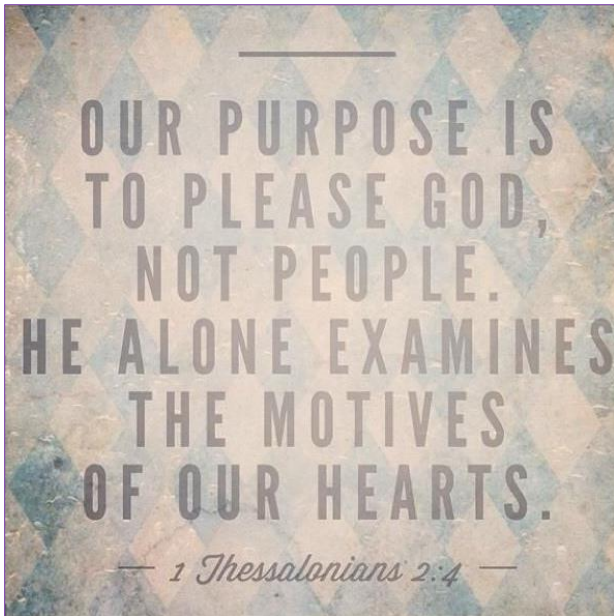




Paul reminds the Thessalonian believers that when he first arrived in their city after being maliciously treated at Philippi, he had preached the gospel of God with boldness under great persecution, with pure intentions, with the gentleness of a nursing mother, and with hard labor and toil.

Outline

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Truths & Principles

- ✓ As God's ambassadors, entrusted with the gospel, here on earth, we need to put God's agenda ahead of all others.
- ✓ There are seasons when both firmness and gentleness are required.
- ✓ God is serious about holiness and expects us, as His children, to not give lip service to purity.
- ✓ God has commanded us to love one another.

Applications

- ✓ Learn what God expects of you by reading, meditating and studying His Word.
- ✓ As the Holy Spirit reveals His will in your life, trust and obey what He instructs you to do.
- ✓ Love the people God has given you the privilege to serve. Always do what is best for them, regardless of how you may feel.
- ✓ Express your love and appreciation for one another.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Who are the “brethren” referenced in verse one (2:1)? _____
2. Who are the “we” that suffered at Philippi (2:2)? _____
3. Who approved and entrusted Paul, Silas and Timothy with the gospel (2:4)? _____
4. Paul, Silas and Timothy aimed to please who (2:4)? _____
5. What demands did Paul forfeit for their benefit (2:6)? _____
6. What example did Paul use to convey gentleness (2:7)? _____
7. What had Paul, Silas and Timothy imparted to the Thessalonians (2:8)? _____
8. Why did Paul labor “night and day” (2:9)? _____
9. What gospel did Paul preach (2:9)? _____
10. Who were the witnesses to how Paul, Silas and Timothy behaved (2:10)? _____
11. What was Paul’s “charge” for the Thessalonian believers (2:11-12)? _____

Study Questions

1. Consider Paul’s conduct in 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.
 - ❖ How did Paul preach when he came to Thessalonica?
 - ❖ What were his motives? What was his focus?
 - ❖ Compare this to the teaching and preaching you hear today?
 - ❖ How can you learn and apply more effectively what God has for you?
2. Reflect on the persecution Paul faced in Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea (Act 16 & 17).
 - ❖ Have you ever suffered true persecution for the Lord?
 - ❖ Do you think you would continue to boldly proclaim the gospel if you were persecuted for sharing your faith?
 - ❖ Pray for the persecuted church of today?
3. Ponder 1 Thessalonians 2:4 and the idea of “not being a man-pleaser but a God-pleaser”.
 - ❖ What does this truth mean to you?
 - ❖ What real-life examples of being a “man-pleaser” can you identify?
 - ❖ What real-life examples of being a “God-pleaser” can you identify?
 - ❖ What are some concrete things you can do to be more of a “God-pleaser”?
4. Contemplate on the love Paul had for the Thessalonian believers.
 - ❖ Identify some people you’ve met in your life who love others like Paul did.
 - ❖ What stands out about these individuals?
 - ❖ What beliefs must we embrace if we want to love well?
 - ❖ What are some tangible ways you show your love for others?