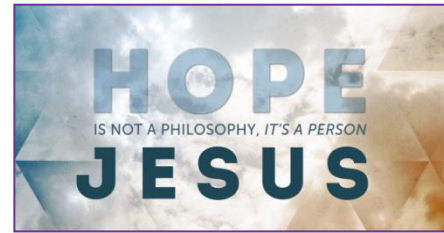




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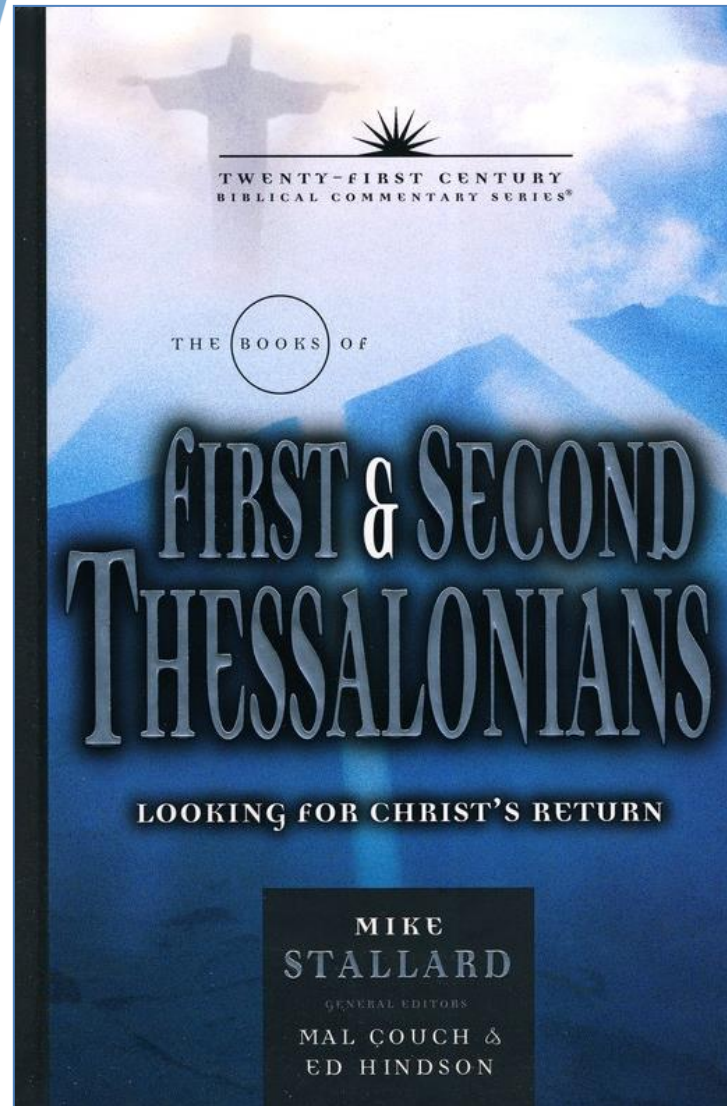
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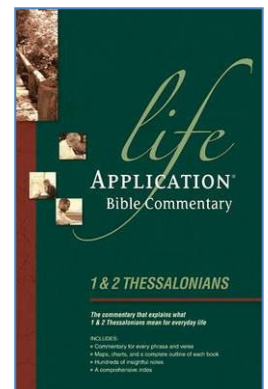
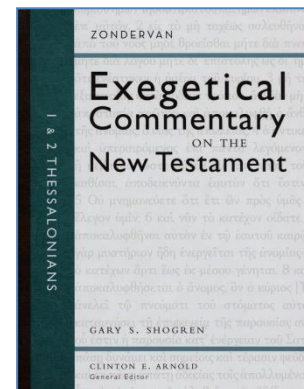
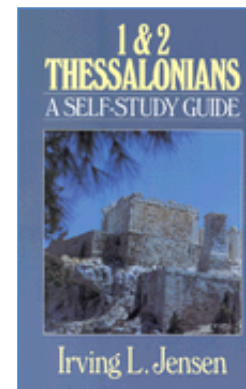
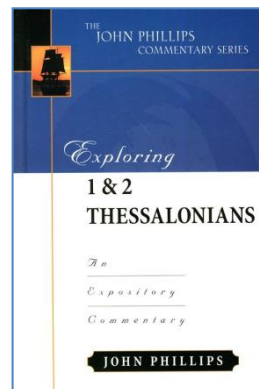
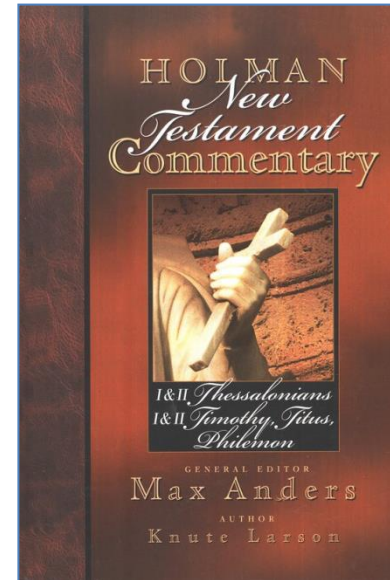
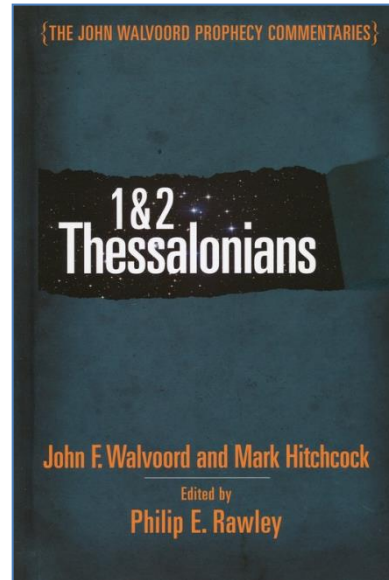


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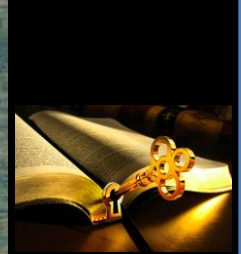
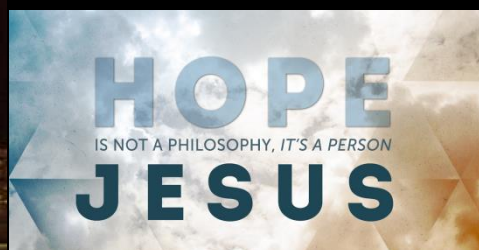
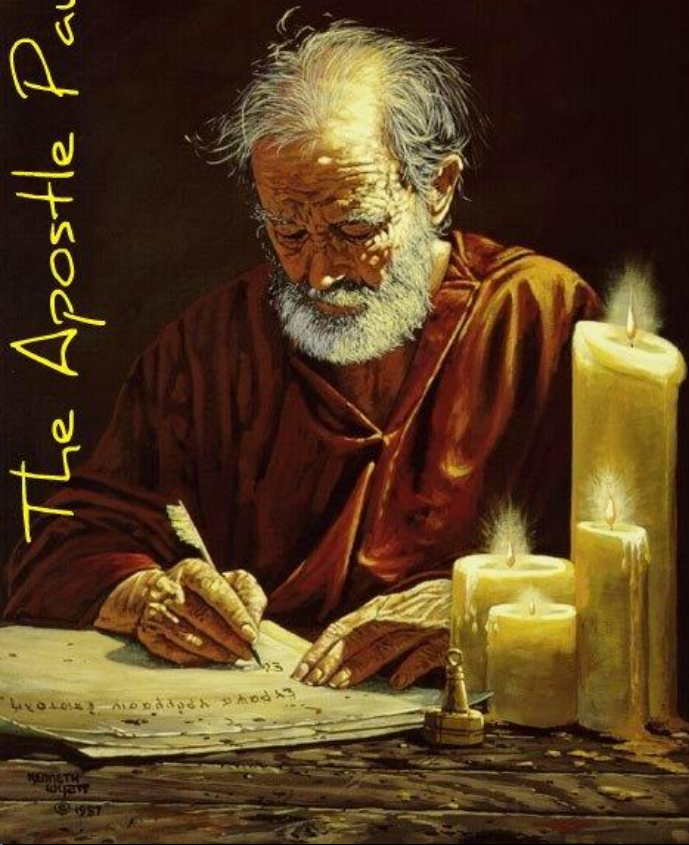




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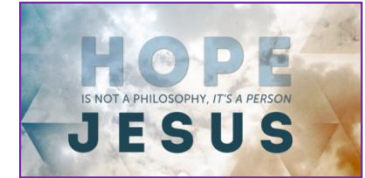


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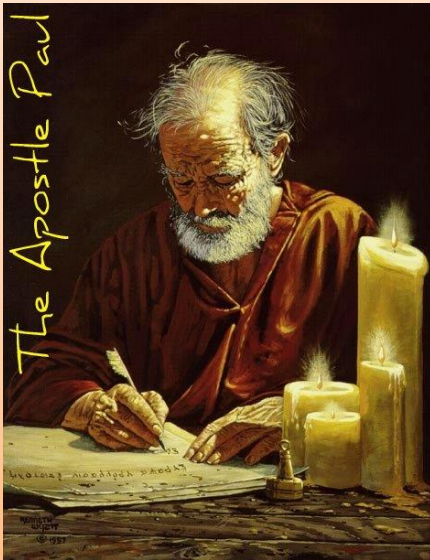
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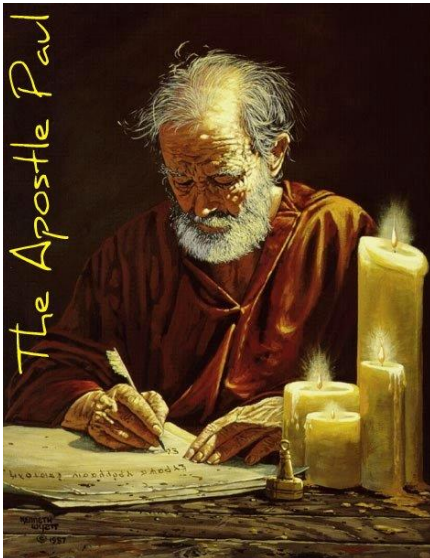
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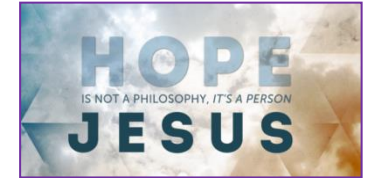
Paul reminds the **Thessalonian believers** that when **he** first arrived in **their city** after being **maliciously treated** at **Philippi**, **he** had preached the gospel of **God** **with** boldness under **great persecution**, **with** pure intentions, **with** the gentleness of a nursing **mother**,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



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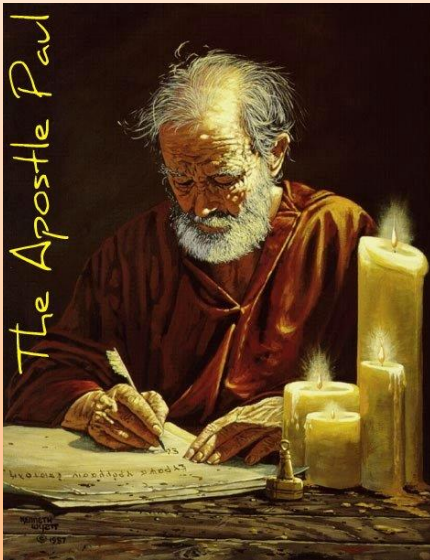
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Boldness in Suffering - 1 Thessalonians 2:1 - OBSERVATIONS

2 For **you** yourselves **know**, **brethren**, that **our coming** to **you** was **not in vain**. **2** But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

--- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2 ... NKJV

• Boldness in Suffering - Not in Vain

- **Paul** **addresses** the **Thessalonian believers** as “**brethren**”
- **He** starts out by **stating** something **they** already **know**
 - **Our** (**Paul**, **Silas** and **Timothy**) coming to **you** was not in vain
 - **Their true conversion** was **evident** throughout the **region**

9 For **they themselves** declare concerning **us** what manner of entry **we** had to **you**, and how **you turned** to **God** from idols to **serve** the living and true **God**, **10** and to **wait** for **His Son** from heaven, whom **He raised** from the dead, *even* **Jesus** who **delivers us** from the **wrath to come**. --- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 ... NKJV

15 The **idols** of the **nations** *are* **silver** and **gold**, The work of **men's** hands.

18 **Those** who make **them** *are like them*; *So is everyone* who **trusts** in **them**. --- Psalms 135:15,18 ... NKJV

YOU BECOME LIKE THE
IDOLS YOU SERVE.
WORLD IS COLD, SELFISH
AND UNFORGIVING.

Boldness in Suffering - 1 Thessalonians 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. **2** But even after **we** had suffered before and were spitefully treated at **Philippi**, as **you** know, **we** were bold in our **God** to speak to **you** the gospel of **God** in much conflict.

--- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-2 ... NKJV

INCIDENT AT PHILIPPI

ACTS 16:11-40

• Boldness in Suffering - Bold in Our God

- Before arriving at **Thessalonica**, **Paul** and **Silas** were in **Philippi** (Acts 16) where **Paul** cast out a spirit that possessed a certain **slave girl** (*whose masters were making much profit by her fortune-telling*).
- **They** were brought before the **magistrates** and accused by the **mob** of making trouble and teaching unlawful customs
- The **magistrates** tore off **their** clothes and commanded **Paul** and **Silas** to be beaten with rods
- After **their** beating **they** were thrown in **prison**
- **Paul** and **Silas** starting praying and singing hymns to **God**, and the **prisoners** listened to **them**
- Then there was a great earthquake and the foundations of the **prison** shook and **all** the prison doors were opened and **all** the **prisoner's** chains were loosed.
- **Jailer** was about to kill himself but **Paul** cries out and instructs the **jailer** to not harm himself - **no one** has escaped.
- The **jailer** receives **Christ** and **his** whole **family** are **saved**
- The next day the **magistrates** realize **their** mistake - *beating Roman citizens* - they plead with **Paul** and **Silas** to leave

Boldness in Suffering - 1 Thessalonians 2:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Boldness in Suffering - Bold in Our God

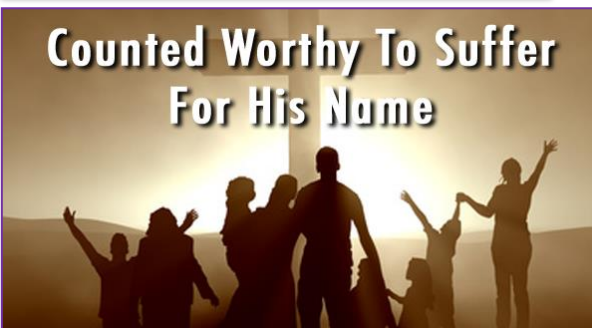
- So **Paul** and **Silas** leave **Philippi** and enter **Thessalonica**, the beating still fresh
- **Paul** here now reminds the **Thessalonians** that even after **they** had suffered at **Philippi**
- **Paul** and **Silas** were bold in **our God** to speak to **you** the gospel of **God** in much conflict.
- **Paul** is saying even after **Philippi** **we** did not back down or water down the gospel of **God**
- Even though **we** encounter opposition again in **Thessalonica** and subsequently in **Berea** (Acts 17)

Remember **Paul** is writing this a short time after these events, from the **city** of **Corinth**

WE NEED THE BOLDNESS OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT** TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF **GOD** EVEN IN GREAT CONFLICT!

PRAYER FOR BOLDNESS ... ACTS 4:23-31

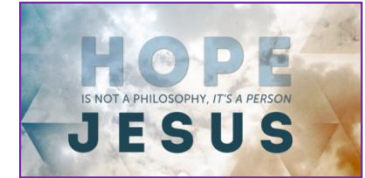
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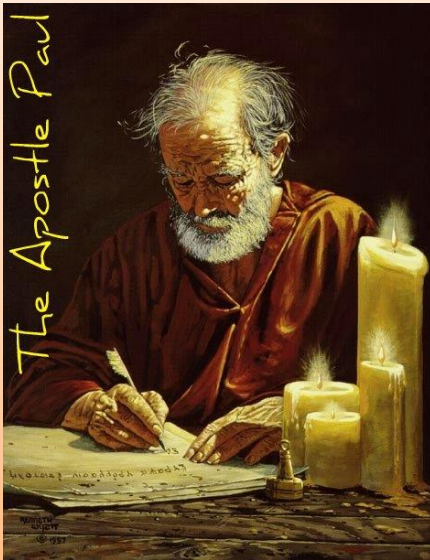
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Preaching the Pure Word - 1 Thessalonians 2:3 - OBSERVATIONS

³ For **our** exhortation *did not come* from **error** or **uncleanness**, nor *was it* in **deceit**.

⁴ But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:3-4 ... NKJV

NOT MUCH HAS
CHANGED TODAY!

We need to be like the **Bereans**.

We need to **test the spirits**.

• Preaching the Pure Word - With Pure Motives

- The basis for **Paul's appeal**
 - **EXHORTATION** : *paraklēsis* - **exhortation**, appeal, persuasion
- **NOT** (*basis framed in the negative*)

- From **ERROR** : *planē* - **error**, deceit, false opinion
- From **UNCLEANNES** : *akatharsia* - **uncleanness**, impure motive
- In **DECEIT** : *dolos* - **deceit**, fraud, guile

- **Paul emphatically denies** that **his** missionary **team** (**Paul**, **Silas** and **Timothy**) had **participated** in any **preaching practices** based on the **destructive motives** presented above.

schemes

WHY PRESENT THIS ARGUMENT?

"So many wandering charlatans ... Made their way about the Greek world, peddling their religious or philosophical **nostrums**, and living at the expense of their devotees ... That it was necessary for Paul and his friends to emphasize the purity of their motives and actions by contrast with these." ... F. F. BRUCE

Preaching the Pure Word - 1 Thessalonians 2:4 - OBSERVATIONS

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• Preaching the Pure Word - With Pure Motives

- **Paul** states the basis for **his** missionary **team's** (**Paul**, **Silas** & **Timothy**) **exhortation** / **appeal** (*positively framed*)
 - **STEWARDS**: Approved by **God** - TRUSTED with the **gospel**
 - **MOTIVE**: Seeking to PLEASE **God** and not **man**

⁵ By **faith** **Enoch** was taken away so that **he** did not **see death**, "and was not found, because **God** had taken **him**"; for before **he** was taken **he** had this **testimony**, that **he pleased God**. ⁶ But without **faith** *it is impossible to please Him*, for **he** who comes to **God** must believe that **He** is, and *that He* is a rewarder of **those** who diligently seek **Him**.

--- Hebrews 11:5-6 ... NKJV

- **God** is the one who tests **our** hearts

¹² For the **word of God** *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the **division of soul and spirit**, and of **joints and marrow**, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**. ¹³ And there is no **creature** hidden from **His** sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of **Him** to whom **we must give account**.

--- Hebrews 4:12-13 ... NKJV

Preaching the Pure Word - 1 Thessalonians 2:5-6 - OBSERVATIONS

⁵ For neither at any time did **we** use **flattering words**, as **you** know, nor a **cloak for covetousness** — **God** *is* witness.

⁶ Nor did **we** seek **glory** from **men**, either from **you** or from **others**, when **we** might have **made demands** as **apostles** of **Christ**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 ... NKJV

• Preaching the Pure Word - With Pure Motives

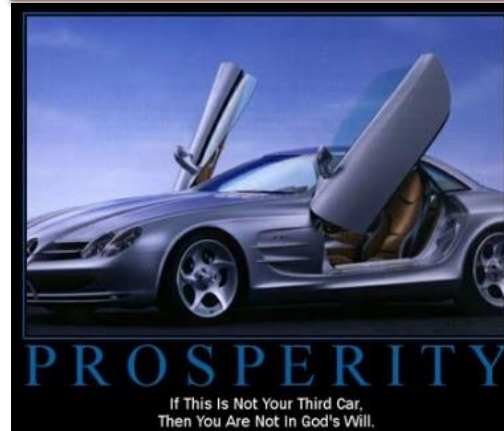
- Again **Paul** stresses the **actions** and **motives** of **his** team (“**we**”)
- For **we** **NEVER** ...

- Used **flattering words** (*flattering speech*)
- Used a **cloak for covetousness** (*pretext for **greed***)
- Did seek **glory from men** (*praise*)
- Did not make **demands as apostles** of **Christ** (*assert authority*)

GREED



Sadly, much of the **Apostate Church** today **harbor pastors** whose **actions** and **motives** align with the list above!



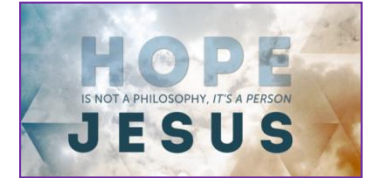
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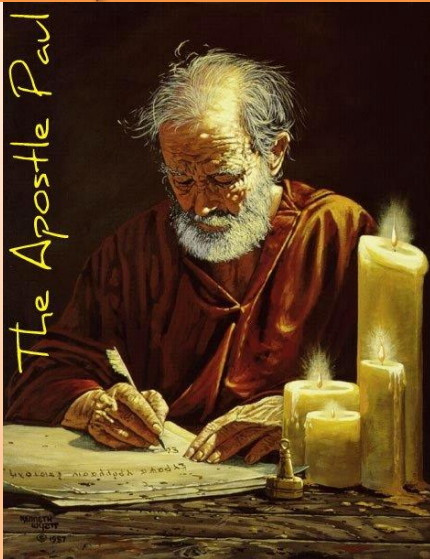
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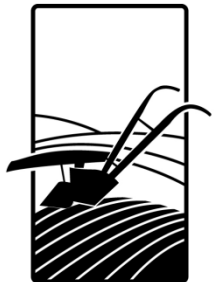
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Loving the People of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 ... NKJV



Servant Leaders

- **Loving The People of God** - Leadership Profile
 - Verses 7-12 present **us** with the **Integrity of Spiritual Leadership** ... **A PROFILE OF LEADERSHIP**
 - **Spiritual leaders** should be the best **role models** in **our** lives. **They** should be **chosen** on the basis of **character traits** that **exhibit Christ-like behavior**.
 - The **qualifications** listed for **elders** (1 Timothy 3) are a **refinement** of the **overall fruit** of the **Holy Spirit** identified in Galatians 5:22-26.

²² But the **fruit** of the **Spirit** is **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **longsuffering**, **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, ²³ **gentleness**, **self-control**. **Against** such there is no law. ²⁴ And **those** *who are* **Christ's** have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If **we** live in the **Spirit**, let **us** also **walk** in the **Spirit**. ²⁶ Let **us** not become **conceited**, **provoking one another**, **envying one another**. --- Galatians 5:22-26 ... NKJV

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• Loving The People of God - Leadership Profile

PROFILE: THREE ROLE MODELS OF A SPIRITUAL LEADER

ROLE	VERSES	DESCRIPTION
MOTHER	7-8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Gentle Demeanor 2) Godly Nurturing 3) Genuine Affection 4) Giving Unconditionally - committed love
WORKER	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MODEL: LABORING LONG AND HARD – difficult and exhausting 2) MOTIVATION: SELF SUFFICIENCY – not burdening others 3) MISSION: FOCUSED LOVE - gospel of God
FATHER	10-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MODEL: GODLY CONDUCT – sincere, righteous, blameless 2) MOTIVATION: GROWTH-- mature believers pleasing to God 3) MISSION: TRAINING – exhort, comfort, charge



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--- 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8 ... NKJV

COMMITTED LOVE

¹⁶ By this **we** know **love**, because **He** laid down **His** life for **us**. And **we** also ought to lay down **our** lives for the brethren. -- 1 John 3:16 ... NKJV

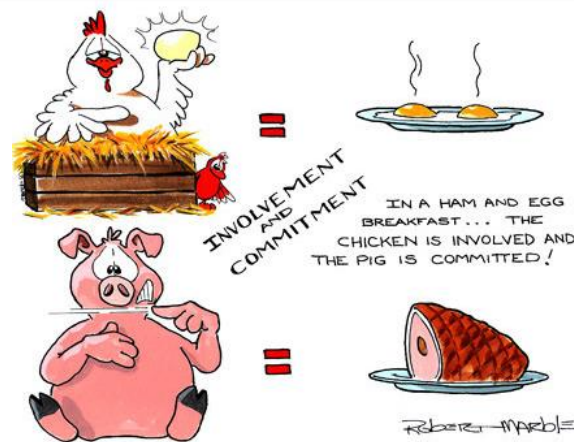
• Loving The People of God - Mother Profile

- **Paul** and **his** team were **COMMITTED** not just **INVOLVED** with the **Thessalonian** believers.



involved vs. committed

CHICKEN - PIG: HAM AND EGGS BREAKFAST ALLEGORY



HOW
COMMITTED
ARE YOU?

- NOT JUST **INVOLVED**: Impart not only the **gospel** of **God**
- BUT **COMMITTED**: Impart **our** own **lives**

¹² This is **My** commandment, that **you** love one another as I have loved **you**. ¹³ Greater **love** has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ **You** are **My** friends if **you** do whatever I command **you**. --- John 15:12-14 ... NKJV

Loving the People of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:9 - OBSERVATIONS

⁹ For **you** remember, **brethren**, **our** labor and toil; for **laboring** night and day, that **we** might not be a **burden** to any of **you**, **we** preached to **you** the **gospel** of **God**.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:9 ... NKJV

Keep working for the LORD.



*The pay isn't much,
but the retirement plan
is "out of this world".*

• Loving The People of God - Worker Profile

- The **Talmud** required that every **Jewish father** must **circumcise his son**, **instruct him** in the **Law**, and **teach him a trade**. "... - 3 Prime Duties

"He who **teacheth** not **his son** a **trade** doth the same as if **he taught him** to be a **thief**." --- *Talmud*

The **Talmud** (Hebrew: "instruction, learning") is a central text of mainstream **Judaism**, in the form of a record of **rabbinic** discussions pertaining to **Jewish** law, ethics, customs and history. The **Talmud** has two components: the **Mishnah** (~AD 200), **the first written compendium of Judaism's Oral Law**; and the **Gemara** (~AD 500), a discussion of the **Mishnah** and related **Tannaitic** writings that often ventures onto other subjects and expounds broadly on the **Tanakh**.

The terms **Talmud** and **Gemara** are often used interchangeably. The **Gemara** is the basis for all codes of rabbinic law and is much quoted in other rabbinic literature. The whole **Talmud** is also traditionally referred to as **Shas** - Hebrew abbreviation of shisha sedarim, *the "six orders" of the Mishnah*.

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★★ *Be* ★★
THE HARDEST
WORKER
you know

• Loving The People of God - Worker Profile

- **Jews** did not have **salaried teachers**.
- **Paul's father** was a **man** of **means**, and may have been a **textile merchant**.
- **Paul** always **supported himself** - "...not a burden"

❖ [At **Thessalonica** **his** **work** **income** was **supplemented** by **contributions** from **Philippi** (Philippians 4:15)

❖ [At **Corinth** **he** **worked** (Acts 18:3)

✓ **Paul** refused to accept **support** from the **Corinthian** **believers** (1 Corinthians 9:11-12).

❖ [At **Ephesus** **he** **worked** (Acts 20:34).

- **His** **independence** was important to **him** and **his** **ministry**:

❖ It cut off **criticism** (2 Corinthians 11:7-12)

❖ Set a worthy **example** (2 Thessalonians 3:7-9)

❖ Proved **his** **unselfish love** for **them** (2 Corinthians 12:13-18)

❖ Allowed **him** to share **his** **meager means** with **those** in need (Acts 20:34-35).

Loving the People of God - 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 - OBSERVATIONS

¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;

¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father

does his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

--- 1 Thessalonians 1:10-12 ... NKJV

• Loving The People of God - Father Profile

• Paul's team conducted themselves in Thessalonica

- **Devoutly** *hosiōs*: piously
- **Justly** *dikaiōs*: with strict justice, religiously
- **Blamelessly** .. *amemptōs*: blameless, unexceptionably

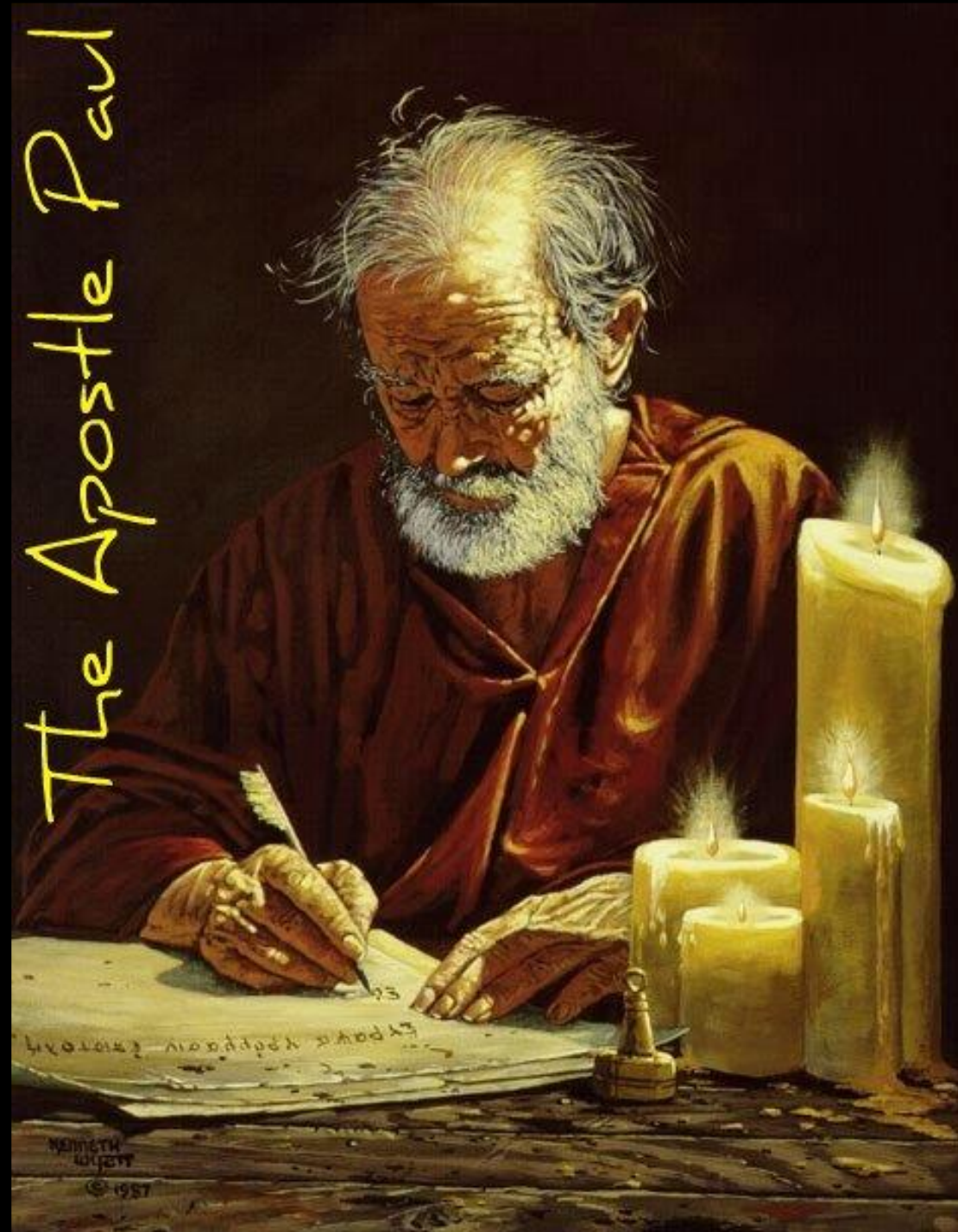
• Their fatherly example

- **Exhorted** *parakaleō*: encourage, comfort, console
- **Comforted** *paramytheomai*: soothe, comfort by words
- **Charged** *martyreō*: make a solemn appeal

- The goal is for the Thessalonian believers to walk worthy of God who called them into His own kingdom and glory - *It's God's kingdom; we get to live in it!*

✓ Walk is their conduct - it should reflect their love and allegiance to God and His kingdom

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. --- Matthew 6:33 ... NKJV



The Apostle Paul

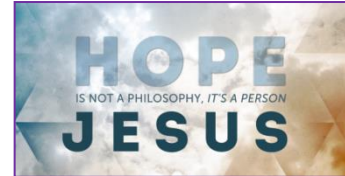
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