

Imitating Christ in Ministry
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.



1 Thessalonians 1:6 “And you became _____ of us, and the Lord, for you received the Word with much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

They examined the _____

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is _____ by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

They looked to others who were more mature spiritually to be _____.

Acts 16:12 Paul and Silas traveled to _____.

While there, Paul cast a demon out of a slave girl who was a _____.

Paul and Silas _____ and _____ and cast into prison as troublemakers.

No matter where you are, God will use you. After an _____ Paul led

the prison _____ to accept the Lord.

Vs. 4 - "we have been approved by God to be _____ with the Gospel."

Our purpose as a church is that through doing the _____, we will make _____ so that we will be able to share the _____ of Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 "This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wants _____ to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

1 Thessalonians 2:8, "We _____ so much that we were delighted to share with you, not only the _____ of God but also our own _____, because you had become very dear to us."

Vs. 9-10 Paul labored _____ and _____ to share the message to those who were in spiritually darkness.

Who needs your friendship?

Ask God that He would make a natural _____ to tell your story of how God has given you hope.