

Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

Topics: Integrity, Motives, Persecution, Suffering, Teaching, Work

Open It

- * 1. How do you know when someone is using flattery to manipulate you?
- 2. What are the signs of genuine love between a parent and a child?
- 3. What qualities should a Christian leader have?

Explore It

- 4. Under what conditions did Paul share the gospel with the Thessalonians? (2:2)
- 5. What false charges had been made about Paul? (2:3-5)
- * 6. How did Paul answer the charges against him? (2:3-5)
- 7. How were other traveling religious teachers deceiving people? (2:5)
- 8. How did Paul describe his relationship with the Thessalonians? (2:7)
- * 9. What were Paul and his companions delighted to do? Why? (2:8)
- * 10. What did Paul want the Thessalonians to remember about his time with them? (2:9)
- 11. How did Paul describe his work with the Thessalonians? (2:10)
- 12. In what way was Paul like a father to the Thessalonians? (2:11-12)
- 13. How did the Thessalonians receive the Word of God? (2:13)
- 14. How were the Thessalonians like the churches in Judea? (2:14)
- 15. What kind of opposition had Paul faced? (2:15-16)
- 16. What is God's response to people who oppose the preaching of His gospel? (2:16)

Get It

- * 17. How can we judge the success or failure of our work with people?
- 18. What kind of opposition can we expect whenever we speak out for Jesus Christ?
- 19. How do the opinions of others influence how we share our faith?
- * 20. How can a desire for popularity (even among Christians) twist our desire and commitment to serve God?
- 21. Why did Paul work so hard not to be a burden to the Thessalonians?
- 22. What standards of behavior and care should Christians follow as they try to reach out to people?
- 23. What's the difference between accepting a teaching as the Word of God and responding to it?

Apply It

- 24. In what ways can you share your life with others in your efforts to share Christ with them?
- * 25. What can you do this week to make sure that you are trying to please God and not other people?