

The Model Church: A Strong and True Minister

1 Thessalonians 02: 01–12

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| <p>1 <i>He has a full and fruitful ministry — not an empty and fruitless ministry</i></p> <p>2 <i>He preaches boldly</i></p> <p>a. In great trials,
even imprisonment</p> <p>b. In facing opposition</p> <p>3 <i>He preaches a pure gospel, lives a clean life, and does not deceive people</i></p> <p>4 <i>He preaches to please God, not men</i></p> <p>5 <i>He does not preach for what he can get out of it</i></p> <p>a. Does not use flattery</p> <p>b. Is not greedy</p> <p>6 <i>He does not preach for glory nor for prestige</i></p> <p>7 <i>He preaches gently and lovingly</i></p> <p>a. As a mother</p> <p>b. As giving his own soul</p> <p>8 <i>He preaches, labouring night and day</i></p> <p>a. With great labour and hardship</p> <p>b. With no charge</p> | <p>1 You know, brothers,
that our visit to you was not a failure.</p> <p>2 We had previously suffered
and been insulted in Philippi,
as you know,
but with the help of our God
we dared to tell you his gospel
in spite of strong opposition.</p> <p>3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error
or impure motives,
nor are we trying to trick you.</p> <p>4 On the contrary,
we speak as men approved by God
to be entrusted with the gospel.
We are not trying to please men but God,
who tests our hearts.</p> <p>5 You know we never used flattery,
nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed —
God is our witness.</p> <p>6 We were not looking for praise from men,
not from you or anyone else.
As apostles of Christ
we could have been a burden to you,</p> <p>7 But we were gentle among you,
like a mother caring for her little children.</p> <p>8 We loved you so much
that we were delighted to share with you
not only the gospel of God
but our lives as well,
because you had become so dear to us.</p> <p>9 Surely you remember, brothers,
our toil and hardship;
we worked night and day
in order not to be a burden to anyone
while we preached the gospel of God to you.</p> |
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9 *He preaches with a clean life,
an impeccable life*

10 *He preaches as a father —
tenderly giving direction*

11 *He preaches with one objective —
edification*

10 You are witnesses,
and so is God,
of how holy, righteous and blameless we were
among you who believed.

11 For you know that we dealt with each of you
as a father deals with his own children,

12 Encouraging, comforting
and urging you to live lives worthy of God,
who calls you into his kingdom and glory.