

# 1 THESSALONIANS

Chapter 2:1-16 – Paul and Company's work at  
Thessalonica

# Their Work at Thessalonica

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **For**, the Thessalonians knew the *kind of men they were* and their *boldness* in the work they did among them – 2:1-2
  - Assure the Thessalonians that becoming followers of them and the Lord was a proper thing to do, seeing their work was *not in vain* – 2:1; 1:6, 9
  - Assures by recalling his company's bold preaching despite opposition – 2:2
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **For**, Paul's company was *responsible to God* to preach the truth as *entrusted* them, *pleasing God* and not man – 2:3-4
  - This could explain their boldness or their pure character/motive in preaching
  - Their preaching didn't come from error, uncleanness, or deception, but from God – 2:3
  - Instead, they were approved by God to preach the gospel entrusted to them – 2:4

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- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **For**, the Thessalonians knew they were *approved stewards* of God by how they preached among them – 2:5-8
  - They didn't use flattering words as a cover for greed – 2:5
  - They never sought personal glory, though as apostles they might have demanded it – 2:6-7
  - Their affection led them to happily give *themselves* to the Thessalonians – 2:8
- 4<sup>th</sup>: **For**, the Thessalonians knew that their lifestyle was worthy of God's calling, being full of care and devotion – 2:9-12
  - They saw their love in laboring and toiling to support their preaching – 2:9; 1 Cor. 9:9; 1 Tim. 5:18; Phil. 4:16; 1 Cor. 9:12; 2 Thess. 3:7-9
  - Paul appeals to them and God as witnesses of their holy and devout conduct designed to lead them to “walk worthy of God” – 2:10-12; Col. 1:12-14; 2 Pet. 1:10-11

# Their Thankfulness for the Thessalonians

- They were *continually thankful* that these brethren had accepted their preaching as God's word as evidenced by their behavior – 2:13-14
  - For those who love God and souls, nothing brings greater joy than the faithfulness of their converts – 2:13; 3 Jn. 4
  - They were thankful and confident of the Thessalonian's conversion, seeing they endured persecution – 2:14; 2 Tim. 3:12
- Hostility against God's word, His Christ, Christians, and Gentiles was the historical character of the Jews – 2:15-16
  - Their worst offense was killing the Lord Jesus, then killing the prophets, persecuting evangelists, and opposing the Gentiles – 2:15
  - Their opposition to Gentiles was at its worst in their seeking to prevent their salvation in Christ – 2:16