

NO SELF-INFLICTED DRAMA

A SOLID REPUTATION

**YOU KNOW, BROTHERS, THAT OUR VISIT TO
YOU WAS NOT A FAILURE. 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.**

1 THESS. 2:1-2

**ABOUT MIDNIGHT PAUL AND SILAS WERE
PRAYING AND SINGING HYMNS AND THE
OTHER PRISONERS WERE LISTENING TO
THEM.**

ACTS 16:25

**FOR THE APPEAL WE MAKE DOES NOT
SPRING FROM ERROR OR IMPURE MOTIVES,
NOR ARE WE TRYING TO TRICK YOU.**

1 THESS. 2:3

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. YOU KNOW
WE NEVER USED FLATTERY, NOR DID WE PUT ON
A MASK TO COVER UP GREED—GOD IS OUR
WITNESS. WE WERE NOT LOOKING FOR PRAISE
FROM MEN, NOT FROM YOU OR ANYONE ELSE.

1 THESS. 2:4-6

THE GOSPEL IS THE PROCLAMATION OF:

**SIN
SEPARATION
SALVATION**

***WE MUST CARE ABOUT PEOPLE MORE THAN
WE CARE ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF
US.***

**AS APOSTLES OF CHRIST WE COULD HAVE BEEN A
BURDEN TO YOU, BUT WE WERE GENTLE AMONG
YOU, LIKE A MOTHER CARING FOR HER LITTLE
CHILDREN. 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. 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.**

1 THESS. 2:6-9

**YOU ARE WITNESSES, AND SO IS GOD, OF HOW
HOLY, RIGHTEOUS AND BLAMELESS WE WERE
AMONG YOU WHO BELIEVED. FOR YOU KNOW
THAT WE DEALT WITH EACH OF YOU AS A
FATHER DEALS WITH HIS OWN CHILDREN,
ENCOURAGING, COMFORTING AND URGING
YOU TO LIVE LIVES WORTHY OF GOD, WHO
CALLS YOU INTO HIS KINGDOM AND GLORY.**

1 THESS. 2:10-12

**“ENCOURAGING, COMFORTING AND
URGING YOU TO LIVE LIVES WORTHY OF
GOD, WHO CALLS YOU INTO HIS KINGDOM
AND GLORY.”**

**LIKE IT OR NOT...EVERYONE IS
“PREACHING”**

**AND WE ALSO THANK GOD CONTINUALLY
BECAUSE, WHEN YOU RECEIVED THE WORD
OF GOD, WHICH YOU HEARD FROM US,
YOU ACCEPTED IT NOT AS THE WORD OF
MEN, BUT AS IT ACTUALLY IS, THE WORD OF
GOD, WHICH IS AT WORK IN YOU WHO
BELIEVE.**

1 THESS. 2:13

TRUTH “WORKS”

-BUT-

SO DO LIES

**FOR YOU, BROTHERS, BECAME IMITATORS OF GOD'S
CHURCHES IN JUDEA, WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS: YOU
SUFFERED FROM YOUR OWN COUNTRYMEN THE SAME
THINGS THOSE CHURCHES SUFFERED FROM THE JEWS,
WHO KILLED THE LORD JESUS AND THE PROPHETS AND
ALSO DROVE US OUT. THEY DISPLEASE GOD AND ARE
HOSTILE TO ALL MEN IN THEIR EFFORT TO KEEP US FROM
SPEAKING TO THE GENTILES SO THAT THEY MAY BE
SAVED. IN THIS WAY THEY ALWAYS HEAP UP THEIR SINS
TO THE LIMIT. THE WRATH OF GOD HAS COME UPON
THEM AT LAST.**

1 THESS. 2:14-16

**FAITH IN GOD SHOWS UP IN ENDURING
FAITHFULNESS TO GOD**

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU MEASURE



**BUT, BROTHERS, WHEN WE WERE TORN
AWAY FROM YOU FOR A SHORT TIME (IN
PERSON, NOT IN THOUGHT), OUT OF OUR
INTENSE LONGING WE MADE EVERY EFFORT
TO SEE YOU. FOR WE WANTED TO COME TO
YOU—CERTAINLY I, PAUL, DID, AGAIN AND
AGAIN—BUT SATAN STOPPED US.**

1 THESS. 2:17-18

**FOR WHAT IS OUR HOPE, OUR JOY, OR THE
CROWN IN WHICH WE WILL GLORY IN THE
PRESENCE OF OUR LORD JESUS WHEN HE
COMES? IS IT NOT YOU? INDEED, YOU ARE
OUR GLORY AND JOY.**

1 THESS. 2:19-20

YOUR HEART FOLLOWS YOUR INVESTMENT

YOUR WORDS FOLLOW...YOUR HEART

YOUR HEART...FOLLOWS YOUR INVESTMENT.

BARRIERS TO INVESTMENT

-MAKING IT TOO COMPLICATED

-MAKING IT ABOUT SELF

**-SEEK TO-
BLESS
-NOT TO-
IMPRESS**