

Bible Study – October 13, 2021
1 Thessalonians 2 – “What to Look for in a Church”

Chapter 1 describes the ideal church; chapter 2 provides a picture of the ideal pastor or Christian servant. Paul has told us how the Gospel came to Thessalonica; now he tells us how he ministered to the young believers. This is an outline of Paul’s “Follow-up Program,” and it explains why most of his converts stayed true to the Lord and why his churches grew. He gives us four pictures of the ideal Christian worker.

I. THE FAITHFUL STEWARD (2:1–6)

a. Every _____ is a _____ of the Gospel and the Word of God.

(1 Tim. 1:11); (1 Tim. 6:20); (2 Tim. 2:2)

b. The main _____ of a steward is to be _____.

(1 Cor. 4:1–2)

c. In order to be faithful to his or her _____, a believer must be willing to _____.

(Acts 16:19–24)

d. The _____ steward must live to please _____, not _____.

(v. 4)

II. THE GENTLE MOTHER (2:7–8)

a. New _____ need _____, _____, and _____

_____ (1 Peter 2:2);

b. And then must _____ to the _____ (1 Cor. 3:1–4;

Heb. 5:11–14), _____ (Matt. 4:4, and see Ex. 16, _____),

and the _____.

(Ps. 119:103)

III. THE CONCERNED FATHER (2:9–16)

- a. Paul: _____ (v. 9a), _____ (v. 9b), _____

_____ (v. 10), _____ (v. 11), and _____.
(v. 14)
- b. Paul’s three-fold ministry as a father was to: (1) _____; (2)
_____; and (3) _____. Phil. 2:12–13; Eph. 3:20–21; and
1 Thes. 2:13

IV. THE LOVING BROTHER (2:17–20)

Paul loved to call these saints “_____!” (v. 17)

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