

The Ministry God Honors 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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Chapter Outline

1. He defends his ministry to the Thessalonians: 1 Thess. 2:1-2
2. He defines the ministry God honors: 1 Thess. 2:3-12
3. He describes the response to the ministry God honors:
1 Thess. 2:13-16
4. He details his heart's desire for the Thessalonians' fellowship:
1 Thess. 2:17-19

A. The Ministry God Honors

1. A ministry centered on the Gospel of the Lord Jesus
1 Thess. 2:4, 8, 9, 1 Cor. 2:1-2
2. A ministry of sincerity
1 Thess. 2:3, 4, 5, 10; 2 Cor. 5:6-10, Phil. 1:20-21
3. A ministry of stewardship
1 Thess. 2:4, John 1:35-37, John 3:30
4. A ministry of Christ-like character
 - a. Gentle
1 Thess. 2:7, Matt. 11:28-30
 - b. Affectionate
1 Thess. 2:8, Phil. 1:8, John 13:1
 - c. Sacrificial
1 Thess. 2:9, Acts 20:26-31, 1 Thess. 3:10,
2 Thess. 3:8, Jer. 48:10a
 - d. Authoritative
1 Thess. 2:11-12 Matt. 7:28-29
5. A ministry of encouragement
1 Thess. 2:12, Rom. 1:11-12