

Genuinely and Gently Proclaiming the Gospel

1 Thessalonians 2:5-7

I. We Must Understand the Importance of Genuinely Proclaiming the Gospel (vss. 5-6)

First, Paul stresses that they never used *flattering words*.

Proverbs 26:8; 29:5

Second, Paul stresses that they never used *a cloak for covetousness*, or, as the ESV renders it, they did not come with “a pretext for greed.”

Paul, Silas, and Timothy did not seek honor *either* from those who had listened to them and responded in faith *or* from those who had rejected their message and were putting pressure on them to stop proclaiming the Gospel.

John 5:41-44; 7:18

Matthew 20:25b-28

II. We Must Understand the Importance of Gently Proclaiming the Gospel (vs. 7)

2 Timothy 2:24-26

Matthew 11:29; 23:13-15

Acts 13:6-12

1 Corinthians 4:7-14

2 Corinthians 10:1-11