

A DEVOTED MINISTRY

Introduction: The Apostle Paul was an amazing example of what a devoted _____ should be. This type of ministry makes a real _____ on people.

- I. _____ (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4)
- A. When we serve where God _____ it will never be in vain.
 - B. Nothing ever deterred Paul from _____ the gospel.
 - C. What does it take to _____ believers today?
 - D. The _____ of the preacher matters.
 - E. "What we are is far more _____ than anything we ever say."
 - F. "A Christian who has lost his character has lost _____."
 - G. The gospel _____ has been entrusted to us.
 - H. Pleasing God must always be our _____.
- II. _____ (1 Thessalonians 2:5-8)
- A. The preaching of Paul was always _____.
 - B. The message of the church must not be tailored in an attempt to draw a _____.
 - C. Paul was not there to _____, but to _____.
 - D. The ministry often requires _____ (2 Tim. 2:24).
 - E. You must first _____ yourself if you are going to feed others.
 - F. A good minister truly _____ his people.
- III. _____ (1 Thessalonians 2:9-20)
- A. "A true minister of Christ will continue to preach the gospel whether he receives money for it or has to work to finance himself."
 - B. A preacher exhorts—comes along the _____ of believers to aid them in their Christian walk.
 - C. A preacher comforts-- _____ with an urgency.
 - D. A preacher charges—preaches with _____ and severity.
 - E. The preacher is like a spiritual _____ to the church.
 - F. The goal of all the preaching is to produce _____ living.
 - G. It broke Paul's _____ to be away from these believers.
 - H. These believers were Paul's _____.

Conclusion: The Apostle Paul clearly did not serve in Thessalonica for any personal gain or popularity. He actually received nothing of the sort there, yet he loved being there and serving those believers.