

## "THE APOSTLE'S DEFENSE OF HIS MINISTRY" (Part 3) (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

- I. THE PRESCRIPT OF "1 THESSALONIANS" (1:1)
- II. THEIR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THESE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS. (1:2-10)
- III. THE VINDICATION OF THEIR MESSAGE AND MINISTRY. (2:1-16)

- A. Their **GODLY MINISTRY** in Review. (2:1-12)

- 1. Addressing the **FALSE ACCUSATIONS** of the Opposition. (2:1-6)

- 2. An Honest **ANALYSIS** of the **FACTS** About Their Ministry. (2:7-12)

- a. The **CLOSER EXAMINATION** of their Thessalonian Ministry. (2:7-9)

*Fact #1:* "we were \_\_\_\_\_ among you even as a nursing mother cherishes her own children." (2:7)

*Fact #2:* "we were \_\_\_\_\_ of you" (2:8a)

*Fact #3:* we were willing to share with you "the \_\_\_\_\_ of God." (2:8b)

*Fact #4:* we were willing to share with you "our own \_\_\_\_\_." (2:8c)

*Fact #5:* we were willing to work night and day in order to preach the Gospel to you without any \_\_\_\_\_ . (2:9)

\* What accusation does this negate?

\* What can you learn from this?

- b. The **LOGICAL APPEAL** in Light of the First Hand Knowledge. (2:10-11)

Paul appeals to these Thessalonian believers and also to God as his witnesses...

- a.1) as to their \_\_\_\_\_ in Thessalonica. (2:10)

\* How is this described?

a.2) as to their fatherly \_\_\_\_\_ for these believers. (2:11)

\* What does this involve?

\* What can you learn from this?

c. The **GODLY OBJECTIVE** of their Transparent Ministry. (2:12)

1) The *singular objective* of their ministry was “*that you would* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

\* What does this mean?

2) This *worthy walk is required* because of WHO called them, namely \_\_\_\_\_, and  
WHAT He called them to, namely “*His* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_.”

\* What is this referring to?

\* How does all this apply to you?