

“Gospel Driven Work”

1 Thessalonians

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Throughout 1 Thessalonians we are called to be people of character, especially to those outside the household of faith. In 1 Thessalonians Paul demonstrates two essential traits necessary for effective, credible leadership:

Competence + Character = Credibility

Competence: The ability to articulate and defend sound doctrine in love.

Character: The humility to apply and practice sound doctrine in love.

Credibility: The quality of being trustworthy, reliable, convincing, and believable.

This credibility with those outside the church requires hard work. Indeed, in order to be a credible witness to others, we must work to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, until Christ returns.

1. Gospel work is _____ work.
2. Gospel work is for _____ and _____.
3. Gospel work is _____ by Christ’s return, for our time is short.