

FUTURE HOPE

1 THESSALONIANS

Model Ministry - Part 2

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

**I. 1st Mark of Paul's Ministry was
Courage**

**II. 2nd Mark of Paul's Ministry was
Tenderness VS 7-8**

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

Cherishes = thalpo

**- to warm, keep warm; to cherish
with tender love**

“The father is the head of the house; the mother is the heart of the house.”



“Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons!”

- Napoleon Bonaparte

**“Man’s work is from sun to sun, but
a mother’s work is never done.”**

Ministry involves the heart.

**Some leaders are very rough and callous
towards the people they work with.**

**If you don't care about people, then
don't get involved in doing ministry
until you get your heart fixed.**

1 Thessalonians 2:9

For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

Ministry is Hard Work

1. Paul had a "day job" that he used from time to time to support his ministry.
2. He was a "tent-maker" by trade.
3. While Paul was in Thessalonica, he supported himself financially by making tents.
4. He also had some financial support from the little church in Philippi.

Philippians 2:10-11

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

Philippians 2:12-13

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 2:14-16

14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Marks of Model Ministry

I. Courage

II. Tenderness

III. Integrity

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; 11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Devoutly = Purely

**We must be devout in our
walk...devoted to the things of God.**

Justly = Fairness in Character

This word means righteously. We're not to walk self-righteously, but we are to walk righteously.

Blamelessly = Without Fault

**Walking blamelessly means there is
no true and real evidence against
us.**

**We might sum up these 3
descriptions by saying that
Paul was a Man of Integrity**

The Walk Must Match The Words

1. He Exhorted
2. He Comforted
3. He Charged

In verse 7, we say Paul portrayed as a loving mother and in verse 11, we see him as a father.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

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Ministry: Tough and Tender

Sometimes ministry is like being the "tender mom", but other times it's like being the "tough dad".

2 Corinthians 13:10 (NLT)

I am writing this to you before I come, hoping that I won't need to deal severely with you when I do come. For I want to use the authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down.

People will watch our walk much more closely than they will listen to our talk.

1 Timothy 5:18

"You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer [is] worthy of his wages."

Jesus is the best example

Matthew 23:37

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under [her] wings, but you were not willing!"

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