Slide 1: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

Slide 2:

Integrity is a life that is whole

- Not divided
- Not pretending
- Not performing

Your life matches your message

Slide 3: Why Integrity Matters

We are living in an integrity crisis

- Trust is low
- Leaders fall
- Words are cheap

Integrity is what lasts

Slide 4: The Model of Integrity

Paul and Silas
"Turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6)

How?
1 Thessalonians 2:1–6

Slide 5: The Model of Integrity

1. Bold Faith in Opposition

"We dared to tell you his gospel
in spite of strong opposition" (v.2)

- Opposition is expected
- Faithfulness > comfort

Key Statement: Keep going

Slide 6: The Model of Integrity

2. Truth with Integrity
"Our appeal does not spring from error…" (v.3)

- True, not false
- Pure, not selfish
- Honest, not manipulative

Key Statement: Live what you preach

Slide 7:

People are not just asking:
"Is it true?"

They are asking:
"Is it real in you?"

Slide 8: The Model of Integrity

3. No Manipulation, No Masks

"We never used flattery…" (v.5)

- No flattery
- No hidden motives
- No pretending

Key Statement: What you see is what you get

Slide 9: The Model of Integrity

4. God's Approval Over People's Praise

"We were not looking for praise from men…" (v.6)

Slide 10: People-Pleaser vs God-Pleaser

People-Pleaser

- Avoids hard truth
- Seeks approval
- Obeys when easy

God-Focused

- Speaks truth
- Seeks faithfulness
- Obeys when it costs

Slide 11:

If you live for people's approval
you will constantly adjust your message

If you live for God
you will stay anchored

Slide 12: WE NEED TO BE

Bold in opposition		Culture is shifting
Truthful in message	BECAUSE	
Honest in motive		Out Faith will be challenged
Focused on God		Silence is tempting

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."
— Abraham Lincoln