

Cheer Up 2:

Am I doing what will last?

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1. CHECK YOUR MOTIVE

2. LOOK AT YOUR ACTIONS

1 Thessalonians 2:6-9 (NIV) “Even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”

- 2.1. We can be a “burden”.**
- 2.2. Instead we should care for people.**
- 2.3. And we should love people.**
- 2.4. And we should work hard for people.**

3. WE ARE MESSENGERS

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 (NIV) “You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

- 3.1. The message always begins with the messenger. As messengers our lifetime goals should be:**
 - To be Holy**
 - To be righteous**
 - To be blameless**

4. WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 (NIV) “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who

believe. For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last."

- 4.1.** We have to look at the results of our actions to find out if we are doing what will last.
- 4.2.** We should ask ourselves if our actions result in others accepting the truth as God's Word and not as man's.
- 4.3.** We should also test if our actions show faithfulness in suffering.

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Do you place a burden on others (by expecting them to serve you) or are you able to make the tuff choice to work hard for others.
2. What kind of message do you bring with your actions? Is your life goal to live a life that honours God?
3. Do you find it difficult to stay faithful in times of suffering?