



**1 THESSALONIANS SERIES - 07**  
**"PAUL'S MODEL AND MOTIVES OF MINISTRY"**

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. PRESSURES THAT REVEAL RIGHT MOTIVES - 1-2**

As to the BLESSING which such ministry might bring - 1

*Phil. 2:12-16; 1 Cor. 15:58*

As to the BOLDNESS which such ministry might need – 2

*Acts 4:29-31*

✓ In the midst of intense Affliction - 2a

*Acts 16:16-24, 37*

*"shamefully treated" - hubrizo - "insulted, abuse"*

✓ In the midst of a hostile Atmosphere - 2b

*"much conflict" - agone – "strong opposition"*

*Acts 17:5-9, 13*

**Remember...**

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

## **2. PROBLEMS THAT UNDERMINE RIGHT MOTIVES - 3-6**

**PROCLAIMING** God's truth without a heart for God and His glory – 3 -  
“*appeal*” - *paraklesis*

Characterized by three things:

**Deviations** - “*error*” - *planes* - to wander

**Defilement** - “*impurity*” – *akatharsia* - “impure motives”

**Deception** - “*deceive*” – *dolos* - “way of deceit”

*2 Cor. 4:2; Ephesians 4:14*

**PLEASING** men rather than God – 4

*Galatians 1:10; Colossians 3:22*

They were Approved by God for their ministry with a sacred trust - 4a -  
*1 Cor. 4:1-2*

They were Accountable to God - 4b

*Jeremiah 17:9-10; Hebrews 4:13*

**PROMOTING** your own agenda and gain rather than submitting to the will of God - 5

The outward Response is flattery - 5a

*Job 17:5; Job 32:21-22; Psa. 12:1-3; Prov. 20:19; 26:28*

The inward Root is covetousness - 5b

*Isa. 56:11; Jer. 6:13; Matt. 23:14; Acts 20:33*

**PARADING** your authority over others, rather than being a servant to all - 6

*Prov. 25:27; Gal. 5:26; Gal. 6:12-15; 1 Cor. 9:1-22*

## **3. PRIORITIES THAT REFLECT RIGHT MOTIVES - 7-9**

**CARE** for others – 7 - *Isa. 40:11; 66:13 - cf. 2 Tim. 2:24-25*

**COMMITMENT** to others – 8

*Rom. 1:11-12; 9:1-3; 10:1; Phil. 1:7-8*

**CONTENTMENT** before others - 9

*Acts 20:34-35; 1 Cor. 9:15; Phil. 4:10-19*