

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

¹You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. ²We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. ³For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else.

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, ⁷but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. ⁸We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. ⁹Surely you remember, brothers, 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.

¹⁰You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹²encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.



SERMON NOTES

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Walking Worthy: Pastors and People

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"That you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory." 1 Thessalonians 2:12 (NASV)

We can walk worthy of God!

Axios = weight (apothecary scale)

Not equal but suitable, appropriate

Matthew 18 – an unworthy response

For this grand purpose, God gives us pastors.

- Pastors as faithful stewards (v. 4)
- Pastors as gentle mothers (v. 7)
- Pastors as responsible fathers (v. 11)

Ephesians 4:7, 11-13

⁷But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.