

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 2

Verse 3

1. When Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to accept and believe the gospel, he reminded them of the manner in which he did it.
2. Paul's exhortation was in contrast to the _____ prophets that Peter describes in 2 Peter 2:3.
 - *"I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah."* **Jeremiah 23:14**

Verse 4

1. Paul preached the gospel according to the revelation of the mystery which had been kept _____ since the world began. Many times Paul would call it *"my gospel."* Romans 16:25
2. In due season, this special gospel message was committed to Paul from God and he was to preach it to the _____. 1 Timothy 1:11; Titus 1:3
 - *"For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."* **1 Corinthians 9:17**
 - *"But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;"*
Galatians 2:7
3. If you know Christ as your Savior, the gospel has been committed to your trust, too. What kind of _____ have you been? 2 Timothy 2:2

Verse 5

1. Unfortunately, for many people, religion is a big _____ business. This has been true for millenniums.

- *“The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.” Micah 3:11*
2. Religious charlatans use *“flattering words”* in order to _____ what they want.
Titus 1:10-11
 3. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that this was not the case with him.

Verse 6

1. Paul did not come to town touting himself as an apostle and demanding _____ privileges.
2. Paul conducted his ministry *“in simplicity and godly sincerity.”*
 - *“For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.”*
2 Corinthians 1:12

Verse 7

1. When a person gets saved, that is wonderful, but then he desperately need the tender loving _____ of someone who will assume the role of a spiritual _____ for him.
2. Paul said, *“...we were gentle among you...”*
 - *“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.” 2 Timothy 2:24*

Verse 8

1. This is one of the greatest verses in the Bible that teaches us how to impact lives.
2. You must share the gospel with people, but there is no substitute for a genuine, heartfelt _____ for people.
3. There is no way to truly impact another person’s life unless you are willing to open up your _____ to love and be loved.
4. You _____ lives from a distance; you _____ lives up close and personal.