

# Servants At Their Best

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

...Are YOU one?

***Servanthood is an “Acquired Taste.”***

Today, we'll see the Qualities in the Apostle Paul that Help YOU & I become “Servants At Our Best.”

### 1. **PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL PROUDLY.** (vv.1-2)

- **HOW** “with the Help of our God...
- We DON'T **HAVE TO** & we **MUST NOT Trust** in our **OWN Abilities** to **Proclaim** the gospel of Jesus Christ!
- God's not only the **Source** of our **Mission**...He's the **Source** of our **Ability**.
- “**Courage** is **Doing** what you're **Afraid** to do.

### 2. **PERFORM THE MINISTRY PURELY.** (vv.3-6a)

- Paul assures them his **MESSAGE** was the **Genuine** (article) **Gospel**
- Paul assures them that his **MOTIVES** were **Pure**.
- Paul's **METHODS** were above reproach.
- Servants At Their Best are **REAL**.

### 3. **PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH PUBLICLY.** (vv.6b-10)

- **To Reflect** the message of Christ...
- 1. We must **CARE** for the people we share the message with. (v.8)
- Do WE **LOVE** the people of our community the way a **Mother Loves** her children?
- 2. We must **MODEL** the message of our Master. (v.10)
- Can you honestly say your **Lifestyle** is drawing people **TO JESUS?**

### 4. **PREPARE PEOPLE TO BE DISCIPLES PATIENTLY.** (vv.11-12)

- **Spiritually Speaking, WE** need to be **Nurtured** AND **Disciplined**.
- WE need to be involved in **One-On-One discipleship**.
- 1. **EXHORTING** is like being a **CHEER LEADER**.
- 2. **COMFORTING** is like being a **NURSE**.
- 3. **CHARGING (imploring)** is like being a **COACH**.
- **TRUE** discipleship takes **TIME**...
- Whether someone **Experiences** God's Grace or God's Wrath will be determined, in least in part, by whether or not **YOU** become... “**A Servant At Your Best.**”