

1 Thessalonians 2:10-20

More on their conduct (10-12)

(v.10). a. Paul continues reminding the Thessalonians about his and his co-worker's conduct while ministering among them.

(v.11). b. Encouraging as a father would his own children.

On fathers:

A. Fathers must spend time with their children.

B. Fathers must continuously input values into their children's lives.

C. Fathers cannot force their children to do what is right.

On ministering to spiritual children:

A. It requires time. All of the above is true for raising spiritual children. You have to make the time commitment to that person.

B. It requires continual encouragement.

C. You cannot force a disciple to do what is right.

(v.12). Walk in a manner worthy.

The Thessalonians response to the Gospel Amid Persecution (13-16).

(13) You received the word of God - accepted It not as a human man word
But as it actually is.

(14) You became imitators - the Thessalonians not only imitated Paul and Silas.
They also imitated the other churches, especially in their response to persecution.

(15-16) The Jews — Paul's synopsis of the Jews is not a flattering one. Jesus did not give a flattering one either (Matthew 20:1-16).

Paul's Desire to See the Thessalonians (17-20).

(v.17) Paul greatly desired to seem - he wanted to keep witnessing there but could not. Although he was absent physically, his thoughts were still with them.

Distant did not cause his care and love for them to grow cold.

[Q] What can we learn from Paul about how to treat people we care about far away?

(v.18) Satan hindered us. - Satan is actively working against God and His workers. See (Ephesians 6)

(v.v. 19-20). Paul and his co-ministers were not working for any physical reward.

[Q] What was their reward?

[Q] What motivated?