

GOSPEL



#### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 NIV

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#### 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8 NIV

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. <sup>6</sup> We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup> Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup> so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12 NIV

Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, 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. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. <sup>11</sup> For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children,

<sup>12</sup> encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

## Marks of Transformational Leadership

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Ministry that is Effective and Productive | v. 1

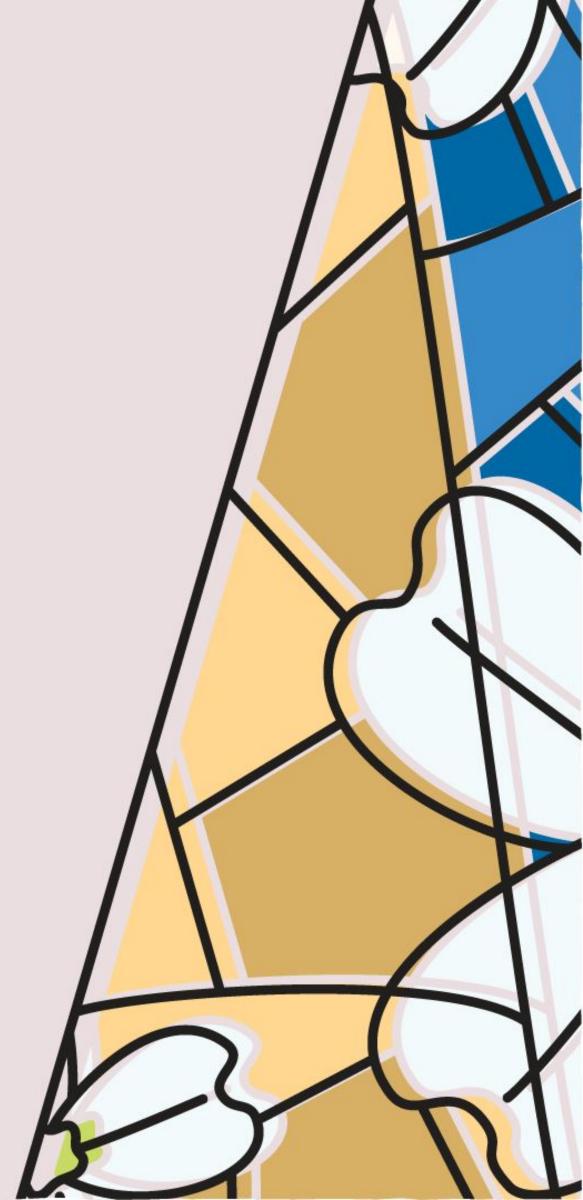
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# Effective and Productive

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#### 2 Peter 1:5-7 NIV

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

#### 2 Peter 1:8-9 NIV

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

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#### Acts 16:22-24 NIV

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.

<sup>23</sup> After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

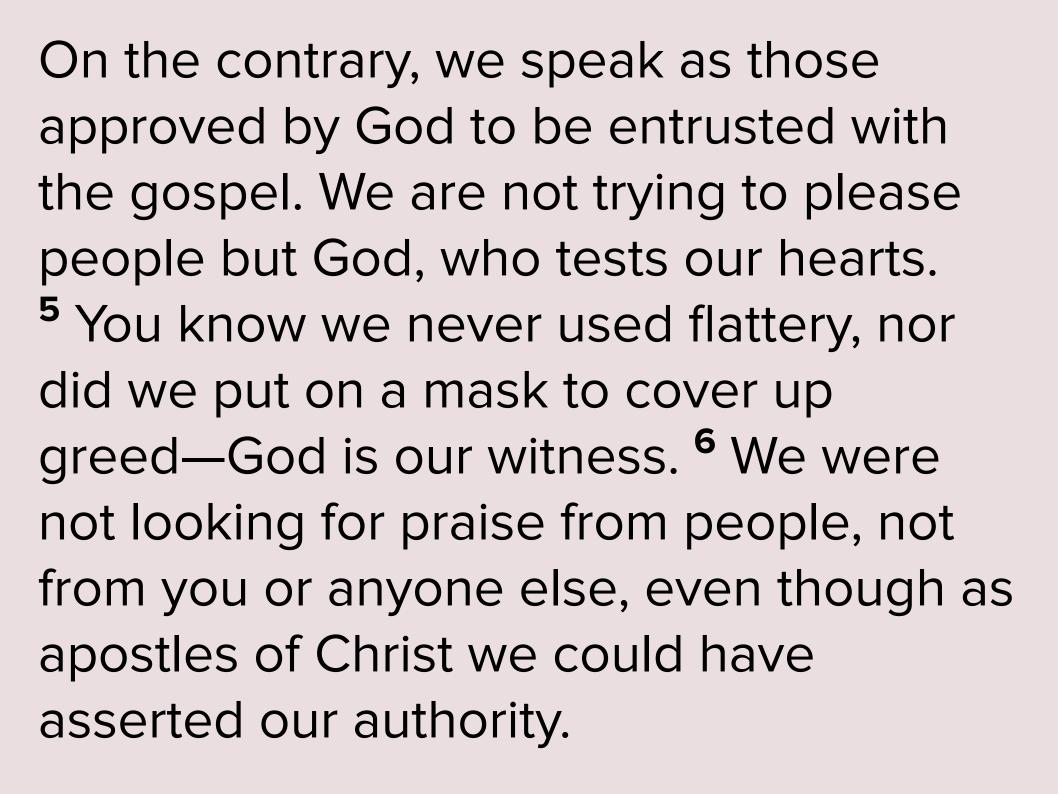
<sup>24</sup> When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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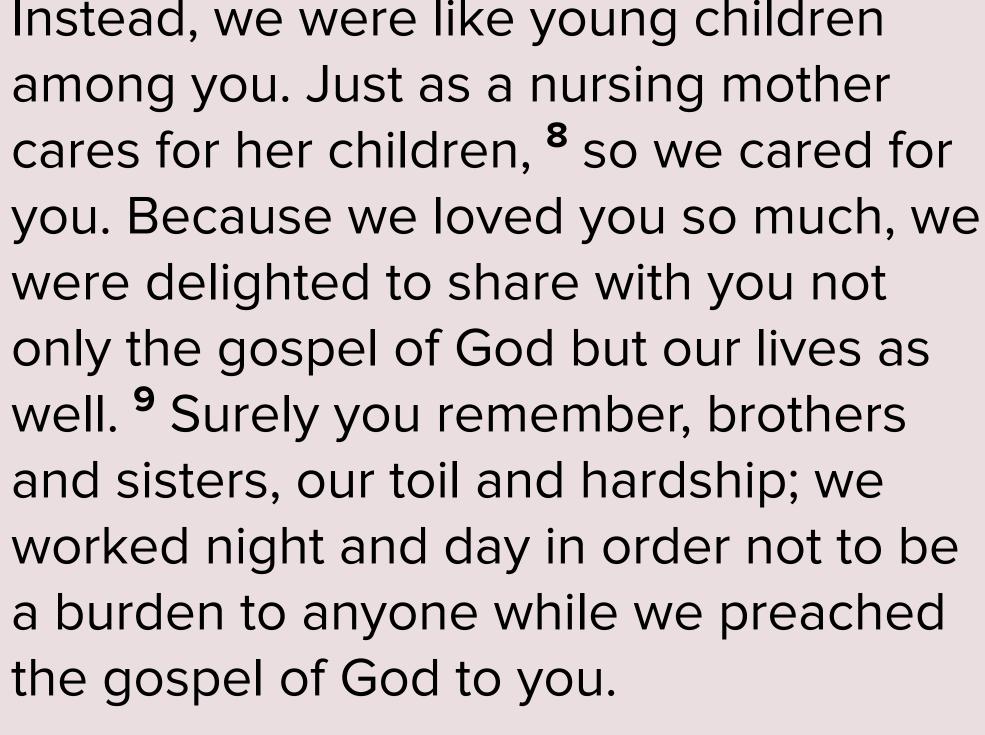
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### Seeks God's Blessing



1 Thessalonians 2:4-6 NIV

**Loves Selflessly** 



1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 NIV

### **Loves Selflessly**



- Loved them with the love of a mother for a child
- Shared not only the gospel, but their lives, as well
- Worked hard so as not to be a burden to them

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 NIV

## Demonstrates Holiness and Righteousness

You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 NIV

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1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 NIV



### 2 Timothy 2:25-26 NIV

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.