

Do As They Do

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1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

A HOLY CHURCH IN A HOSTILE LAND

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Family, you know that our visit with you was not pointless. For even though we suffered beforehand and were shamefully mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we took courage in our God to speak His Good News to you in the midst of much struggle. For our appeal did not come from a delusion or impure motive. Neither was it done in deceit. On the contrary, just as we were tested and found by God to show fidelity to the Good News, we speak not to please people but God, the One who tests our hearts. For, just as you also know, we never came to you with flattering speech or underlying motives driven by greed. God is our witness. Neither did we seek glory from people, whether you all or others. Though we are positioned to make demands as the King's official messengers, we instead were made to be like children in your midst. Like a nursing mother who cares for her children. As those caring deeply for you, it has been a delight to not only share God's Good News with you but also our very lives. After all, you all have become our loved ones. Continue to remember, family, our work and hardship. Night and day we've labored so as not to be a burden to you as we've proclaimed God's Good News to you. All of you and God are witnesses that He enabled us to become holy, righteous, and blameless among you - the allied ones who faithfully believe. You know that, like a father toward each one of his children, we are encouraging and comforting you as well as insisting that you behave in a way worthy of God, the One calling you into His Kingdom and glory.

What's DONE TO US can't keep us from doing what
God seeks to DO THROUGH US

Our goal is to PLEASE the ONE rather than the MANY

We seek what's best for OTHERS rather than OURSELVES

Approach to Others

Worldly	Godly
Flattery (v 5) Greedy (v 5) Glory Seeking (v 6)	Deeply Caring (v 7-8) Works Tirelessly (v 9) Fatherly (v 11)

The call to LIVE for King Jesus comes to us but doesn't
END with us