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Chapter One -- *Praise for the Saints*

1 Thes 1:2-3 Praising their *Work, Labor, Hope*

1 Thes 1:6 Perseverance during *Persecution*

1 Thes 1:8 Preaching the Word *All Over Greece*

1 Thes 1:9 You turned from *Idols* to true God

1 Thes 1:10 You *wait* for His Son from Heaven

[Sefardi Torah Scroll](#) (18th century?) Torah scrolls were written without vowels or punctuation. These four columns contain Ex 23:6 to Ex 26:25.

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v.1-12 *Paul's Relationship to Thessalonica*

Mood is more **Serious** than chapter 1

Here Paul is defending himself as
in (2 Cor 11:17-21) and also
stabilizing them!

v.1 “ You know that our coming was **NOT in vain**.”

Where did **Paul** meet very little success? Athens (Ac 17:32-34)

Where did **Jesus** meet very little success? Nazareth (Mk 6:4-6)

What made the citizens of **those cities** less receptive than the people in other places? What's the application to you?

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1 Thess 2:2a

“After we had already *suffered and been mistreated in Philippi ...*”

Beaten with many stripes in Philippi then feet placed in stocks in prison !

(Acts 16:22-24)

What's the value or purpose in Paul mentioning this?



v.2b “As you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God *amid much opposition.*”

In Thessalonica church is persecuted, Jason dragged before authorities—pledge taken from him and others. (Acts 17:1-5)

What's the *lessons can we gain* from this?

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9 Things Paul gave to show his godly, caring attitude.

1 v.3 Our exhortation does not come from **error or impurity or by way of deceit**

(2 Pet 2:1-3) :Shall be False teachers—introduce destructive heresies... they will exploit you..”
(Eph 4:14) No longer carried away by trickery.... **in deceitful scheming**

2 v.4 but just as we have been **approved by God**

(Acts 2:22) **Attested** by God by...
(Heb 2:4) God **bearing witness** by..

3 v.5 We never came with **flattering speech**, as you know, nor with **a pretext for greed**

Jude 16 **flattering** people for the sake of gaining an **advantage**.
(2 Peter 2:3) In their greed they will **exploit you** with false words

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v.6 Nor did we seek glory from men...

v.6 Though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

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v.7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

Apostles (NT:652) a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel; officially a commissioner of Christ; with miraculous powers should be put out of the syngogue; ⁴³ for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

2 Tim 4-25 And the Lord's bond-servant must... be kind to all, teach, patient when correcting those in opposition ¹⁴



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v.8 Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives

Phil 1:8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Rom 16:3 Greet Prisca and Aquila ... 4 who for my life risked their own necks.

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v.9 For you recall... our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

2 Cor 12:15 And I will most gladly spend and be expended

This needs to be OUR attitude also. Going BEYOND the call of duty, beyond what's convenient !

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¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly & uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

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¹¹ just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children

2 Thess 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you

1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

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Eph 4:1 “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to *walk in a manner worthy of the calling* with which you have been called.”

1 Thess 2:12 *So that you may walk in a manner worthy* of the God who calls you into His own Kingdom & Glory.

Col 1:10 -11 That you *may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God