



HAVING INFLUENCE THAT LASTS

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You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you **was not without results**. 1 Thessalonians 2:1

We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God **we dared to tell you his gospel** in the face of strong opposition. 1 Thessalonians 2:2

For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, **we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God**, who tests our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. **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. 1 Thessalonians 2:5-6

Instead, we were gentle among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 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**. 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. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

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