

# WHEN CHRISTIANS GET IT ~~WRONG~~ RIGHT

## Paul's Very Successful Strategy With The Thessalonian Church

A STUDY ON 1 THESSALONIANS WEEKLY CHAPTER THEMES				
<b>Chapter 1</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b>	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>
<b>THE RIGHT MOTIVE</b>	<b>THE RIGHT METHOD</b>	<b>THE RIGHT METTLE</b>	<b>THE RIGHT MASTER</b>	<b>THE RIGHT MINDSET</b>
Christ's Heart	Christ's Strategy	Christ's Strength	Christ's Authority	Christ's Return
"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love..." (v. 3)	"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed..." (v. 5)	"For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord." (v. 8)	"For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus." (v. 2)	"But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief." (v. 4)

### CHAPTER 2 CONTEXT:

- Paul's on-site ministry was \_\_\_\_\_
- Hardworking humility produces \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 THESSALONIANS 2:5-13

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

## WHY SHOULD WE MASTER THIS MATERIAL?

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM PAUL'S HARDWORKING HUMILITY?

1

He won them with \_\_\_\_\_

"We were not looking for praise from people....Instead, we were like young children among you." (v. 6-7)

2

He inspired them with \_\_\_\_\_

"...We were delighted to share ... not only the gospel of God but our lives..." (v. 8)

3

He set the culture with \_\_\_\_\_

"Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone..." (v. 9)

4

He sought to build a \_\_\_\_\_

"...We were like young children among you....Just as a nursing mother cares for her children." (v. 7)

"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children..." (v. 11)