

**WHAT DOES GENUINE MINISTRY LOOK LIKE?  
FROM PAUL'S DEFENSE WE ARE INSTRUCTED AND WARNED  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

- I. ***In defense*, PAUL FIRST REMINDS THE THESSALONIANS THAT HIS COMING WAS NOT IN VAIN:** God's Word proclaimed proved successful in their lives (2:1, 1:2-10, 2:13)
  
- II. ***In defense*, PAUL REMINDS THEM HOW HE AND HIS COMPANIONS IMPARTED THE WORD...** Boldly amid opposition and with pure and proper motives (2-5)
  - A. **They spoke the Word courageously** amid past and present opposition (2)
  
  - B. **They spoke the Word with pure and proper motives (3-4)**
    - 1. They speak the Word **not from error, impurity or deceit** (3)
  
    - 2. They speak the Word **recognizing their stewardship** (4a)
  
    - 3. Thus, they speak **desiring not to please man but God** who examines their hearts (4b)

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- C. **Their pure and proper motives were demonstrated to the Thessalonians and witnessed by the Lord (5)**
  - 1. They **never spoke words of flattery**, as they knew (5a)
  
  - 2. They **never spoke the Word as a cloak for covetousness**, as God is witness (5b)
  
- III. ***In defense*, PAUL REMINDS THEM HOW HE AND HIS COMPANIONS LOVINGLY IMPARTED THEIR LIVES while imparting the Word (6-9)**
  - A. As evidenced by the fact **they never sought glory**, exercising weighty apostolic authority (6)
  
  - B. But in contrast, they demonstrated loving gentleness, imparting their lives and laboring so as not to be a burden as they proclaimed the Word, as they knew (7-9)
  
- IV. ***In as summary of his defense*, PAUL CALLS UPON THE THESSALONIANS AND GOD'S WITNESS AS TO HOW THEY BEHAVED TOWARD THEM (10-12)**