1 Thessalonians

Chapter 2

1. Read verses 1-2. What had happened to Paul in Philippi according to Acts 16?
2. Did persecution or the threat of it ever stop Paul from preaching? Did it ever cause him to leave a city?
3. Read verses 3-6 and name at least seven ways or motivations which did *not* characterize Paul’s preaching.
4. Why was Paul determined to preach so as to please God and not men?
5. Why did Paul not use flattering words in his preaching? What is the difference between flattery and being complimentary?
6. As an apostle of Jesus Christ, what had Paul refused to do that might have seemed his right?
7. In what sense did Paul compare himself to a nursing mother?
8. What did Paul have to offer the Thessalonians besides the gospel and why? 2:8
9. Why did Paul labor night and day?
   1. What kind of work did Paul generally do to support himself?
   2. Did Paul have to rely completely on his own labors to support himself while at Thessalonica? Support your answer.
10. Who were the witnesses to Paul’s exemplary behavior as he worked with the Thessalonian believers?
11. Paul had dealt with them as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would deal with his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. The apostle’s desire was that they walk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
13. Why did he give thanks according to 2:13?
14. In what way were the Thessalonian Christians like the Christians of Judea?
15. List the different sins the Judeans were said to have committed.
16. Though taken away in person, Paul had remained with the Thessalonians in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. Up to this point, who had prevented Paul’s return to Thessalonica?
18. What did Paul describe as his hope, joy, and crown of rejoicing? Cf. Phil. 4:1
19. Note on *crown* in 1 Thes. 2:19.
    1. From the Greek *stephanos*, this word was sometimes used of royalty or rank, but it was also used of “the wreath or garland which was given as a prize to victors in public games.” Thayer