

1 Thessalonians

Week 3 A Model for Ministry

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**1 Thessalonians 2:1-12** In this passage the apostle Paul calls to their remembrance the ministry that was carried out among them while he was with them. It serves as a model for missionaries, ministers and churches.

**1. Gospel Centered. Vs 4, 7, 8, 9 and 3:2.**

A church is to be involved in spreading the glad tidings of Christ, the salvation found in him and His kingdom. We are to be evangelical. GREEK: *euangelion*. 1 Corinthians 15:1-6

What do you think is required for a church to be “gospel centered”?

**2. Hearts Dependent upon God. Vs. 2**

How does an individual or church express dependence upon God? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Rightly Motivated Actions. Vs. 3-6**

Ministry rightly based upon the teachings of Christ. Motivated by simply wanting to make disciples of Jesus not pleasing people. Their chief motivation was to please God. They were not interested in accommodating the desires, opinions or interests of anyone other than God. (Galatians 1:10). What problems arise when a church makes their primary goal to please people instead of God.

**4. Framed with humility, tenderness, openness, and responsibility. Vs 7,8,11**

If you want to know if a ministry is authentically patterned after Jesus, don’t just look at the numbers or other perceived evidences of success. Look at the attributes of the leaders and the congregation.

**5. Carried out by hard work and persistence in the face of difficulty. Verse 9**

When discussing church life or ministry, Begin in your thinking with the truth that serving Christ here on earth is going to require toil and a never quit attitude. We are here to overcome– Just as Jesus did! John 16:33 (see also the 7 churches of Revelation) What is your definition of overcoming as a Christian?

**6. Marked by holiness, righteousness and blamelessness. Verse 10**

Once again the marks of true ministry. Carrying it out devoutly, justly and innocent of wrongdoing.

**God’s Work, Done God’s Way, Never lacks God’s supply. (Ray. H. Streets)**