



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NAS)  
"Leadership Qualities To Which We Aspire"  
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| 9  | For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. |
| 10 | You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;   |
| 11 | just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,                                    |
| 12 | so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.  |

### **I. WORKERS IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

A. Imitators Of Christ *I Corinthians 11:1*

B. Members Of Christ's Kingdom

1. Know Jesus as our Savior
2. Be trusting in Him

C. Diligent In All Our Work *Colossians 3:23-24*

### **II. PAUL'S CHARACTER**

A. His Work *vs. 9*

B. His Walk *vs. 10*

C. His Words *vss. 11-12*

### **III. PAUL'S WALK**

A. Devoutly – piously

1. This is an attitude of the heart

a. Paul begins with the heart

b. God begins with the heart *Matthew 12:34b, 15:18; 22:37, 38*

c. Searching our own hearts

1. Is your spirit directed by a love for the Lord?
2. Are you praying for that; pleading for that?

B. Uprightly – address our actions

1. Our heart made visible to men
2. Integrity; uprightness in all our dealings
  - a. our thoughts
  - b. our words
  - c. our actions *John 8:12; Matthew 5:14*

C. Blamelessly -- found faultless

1. People can still accuse us of wrong
2. It doesn't mean we are sinless (it does mean we sin less)
3. It means we seek forgiveness
4. We are called to pursue holiness *I Peter 1:13-16*
  - a. we have not arrived *I John 3:2*
  - b. we strive after it *I Peter 1:15*