

**PAUL'S COMMENDABLE MINISTRY (pt.2)**  
**(1 Thessalonians 2:1-6)**

**I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUTATION (1:1)**

**II. PAUL'S COMMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)**

**III. PAUL'S GODLY MINISTRY TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-20)**

**A. An Overview of this ministry** (Four things Paul appealed to in regards to His defense)

1. The Thessalonian's personal **knowledge** of their past visit. ... "for you know brethren"
2. Paul appealed to the **message** they preached and its **fruitfulness** among them.
3. Paul appealed to two credible witnesses to it all —namely, **God** and **themselves**.
4. Paul appeals to two instructive **analogies** to describe his ministry: 1) that of a **faithful steward** (2:1-6), and 2) that of **loving parents** (2:7-12)

**B. The CONDUCT of Paul and His Team. (2:1-12)**

1. Last time, we looked at their **witness** to them. (2:1-2)

2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ to them (2:3-7a)

a. As concerning their **exhortation**, it was not out from \_\_\_\_\_. (2:3a)

b. As concerning their **motive** in their ministry, it was not from \_\_\_\_\_. (2:3b)

\*What connotation does this word "*uncleaness*" carry?

c. As concerning their **method** in ministry, it was not in \_\_\_\_\_. (2:3c)

- Note some passages concerning Paul's attitude and motive in ministry:

**Acts 20: 33-35**

**2 Corinthians 2:17**

**2 Corinthians 4:1-5**

\* What does this mean to us today?

d. As to their **authority** in ministry, they had been \_\_\_\_\_ of God to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the gospel message. (2:4a)

“*have been approved*” (dokimazo) =

Why had they been approved?

- Why is this important to note?

e. As to their **aim** in ministry, it had not been to please \_\_\_\_\_, but to please \_\_\_\_\_ who had tried their hearts. (2:4b)

- How do we know that Paul didn't compromise?

- What does this mean to us as God's servants today?

- What \_\_\_\_\_ supported their claim that they were pleasing to God? (2:5-6)

1) They did not use \_\_\_\_\_ at any time. (2:5a)

Who substantiated this fact? The Thessalonian believers...”as \_\_\_\_\_.”

2) They did not use their ministry as a pretense for a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (2:5b)

Who substantiated this fact? Paul called on “ \_\_\_\_\_ as his witness.”

3) They did not seek \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ from anyone, though they could have asserted their \_\_\_\_\_ authority to do so. (2:6)

Who witnessed to this fact? – “Nor did we seek glory from \_\_\_\_\_ either from \_\_\_\_\_, or from \_\_\_\_\_.” – as \_\_\_\_\_ was their witness!

- What can we learn from all of this?