



Faithful Ministry: Exhortation & Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

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I. The _____ of a Faithful Ministry (v.9-10)

A. Paul set an example in his _____

B. Paul set an example in his _____

C. Paul set an example in his _____

1. With respect to his relationship to God, Paul was _____

2. With respect to people, Paul was _____

3. With respect to the world, Paul was _____

II. The _____ & _____ of a Faithful Ministry (v.11-12a)

A. Like a father with his children, Paul knew that a wise spiritual father discerns where each spiritual child is and _____ his approach accordingly

1. Some need **exhortation** — A word referring to challenging or appealing to others with direct _____ to live as they should as Christians

2. Some need **encouragement** — A word that has the nuance of _____ and consolation.

III. The _____ of a Faithful Ministry (v.12b)

A. The end goal of all faithful ministries is to see those to whom they're ministering _____ in a manner worthy of God

B. When a sinner has been called into salvation through Jesus Christ, entering God's kingdom and becoming an heir of glory, he or she is obligated to _____ behind former ways of sin and _____ a new life of practicing godliness and service to the Lord.

C. As we consider our calling as God's children to be involved in the task of ministry, we must remember that we cannot do so in our own strength. In all that we do, we must remember to look to _____ (Hebrews 12:2)