

"Gentle Discipleship"

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

I. Paul's coming to the Thessalonians has not been emptied of

_____(2:1).

a. The apostle came from _____

and was proceeding to Thessolonica in boldness (2:2).

b. The apostle came to please God and did not come to

_____ himself or to

_____ his reputation among men

(2:3-5).

c. Though apostles enjoyed authority and standing in the church, Paul displayed fatherly

_____ to them (2:6-8).

d. Paul re-emphasizes his example as a father

______a child (2:9-12).

Philippians 4:15-16; 2 Corinthians 8:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:10a-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:8-12

II. The Thessalonians looked past the messengers and established their own ______ with

God (2:13).

a. The Thessalonians followed the example of their brothers in Israel, persevering in

_____(2:14).

John 15:18-20

 b. Christians' suffering is part of a greater battle between the children of ______ and

the children of God (2:15-16).

Genesis 3:15; John 8:44