

PAUL TO A "T"
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-12

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 2 • 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 • September 28, 2011

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of 1 Thessalonians 1 was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6a

2. Read Acts 16:11-38 and briefly summarize how Paul and Silas had "suffered and been insulted in Philippi." (V2)

3. What do you think is meaningful about the phrase they "dared to tell" the Thessalonians the Gospel of God in V2?

4. For whom will you thank God for "daring to tell" you the Gospel? Who might God be nudging you to "dare to tell" the Gospel?

5. a) How do the writers describe themselves and their motives in V3-6?

Themselves

Their motives

5. b) Which of these did you appreciate the most and why?
6. What do you think it means to be “entrusted with the Gospel?” (**V4**) Do you think it applies to every believer? Does it apply to you?

SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:6b-12

7. In **V6b-12**, how do the writers portray their relationship with the Thessalonians?
8. From **V7-11**, write down words that describe the Thessalonians.
9. What warms your heart in **V8**?
10. a) What extra lengths do **V9-10** reveal about Paul, Silas, and Timothy’s choices when they lived with the Thessalonians?
- b) What do you think are some different choices they could have justifiably made?
11. a) How do **V11-12** uncover what really mattered to Paul?

11. b) Write a prayer for your own life based on these verses.

12. Write a timeless truth or principle about what you learned from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Paul spoke of the "Gospel" four times in this passage. What further insights did you learn about the Gospel from the following Scriptures?

Matthew 24:14 _____

Mark 10:29-30 _____

Romans 1:16 _____

Galatians 1:6-8 _____

Galatians 3:8 _____

Ephesians 1:13 _____

Ephesians 3:6 _____

2 Thessalonians 1:8 _____

2. Which verse caught your attention the most and why?

