

The Effective Servant / Minister

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Outline

Introduction

A troubling statistic:

Some important questions:

1 Thessalonians 1:6–10 *And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

Body

1. The Christian Minister _____ children through _____ on behalf of _____.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children.

Two approaches to influence:

a.

b.

What does love look like?

a.

b.

c.

2. The Christian Minister _____ the gospel and _____ it out

1 Thessalonians 2:8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

What did Paul's love for the Thessalonians compel him to do?

a.

What is the gospel?

b.

3. The Christian Minister understands ministry takes _____

1 Thessalonians 2:9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

How did Paul describe his ministry?

How does our society mitigate against such a ministry?

4. The Christian minister accepts that they are a _____

1 Thessalonians 2:10 You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.

The famous words of Charles Barkley:

Holy –

Righteous –

Blameless –

5. The Christian minister _____ each of his listeners to walk _____

1 Thessalonians 2:11–12 For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

How was Paul's ministry father-like?

What might this look like in your ministry?

Conclusion

How did Paul's ministry mirror Christ's?

Final Illustration