

ANTICIPATE!

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRIST'S RETURN A STUDY THROUGH 1 THESSALONIANS

#2 Imitators

1. In the middle of tremendous **SUFFERING** and persecution, Paul purposely and **BOLDLY WENT** to others in order to share the gospel with them.

1 Thessalonians 1:5; Philippians 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-2

2. When Paul shared the gospel, he did not compromise his **CHARACTER**.

1 Thessalonians 2:3

3. Paul knew the **SIGNIFICANCE** of the message and the **RESPONSIBILITY** God had given him, which compelled him to share it, no matter what people thought.

1 Thessalonians 2:4; Romans 1:16; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

4. Paul knew **HOW** to speak.

- A. He spoke to **PLEASE** God and not man.

Galatians 1:10; Luke 9:26

- B. Paul did not try to **FLATTER** people in order to get them to listen to him. And he was not **GREEDY** or wanting **GLORY**.

1 Thessalonians 2:5, 6; Psalm 12:2-3

- C. Paul recognized God was a **WITNESS TO** and **KNEW** everything he said and everything he did.

1 Thessalonians 2:5, 6; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:15; Proverbs 5:21; Proverbs 15:3; 1 Peter 3:12

5. Paul and Silas lived their lives to **PLEASE** God and live in an **UNMISTAKABLE** way in front of others.

1 Thessalonians 2:9, 10

6. Paul and Silas took on the role of being **SPIRITUAL PARENTS** to the people they ministered to.

1 Thessalonians 2:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:8; 1 Thessalonians 11, 12; Mark 1:14, 15