

# 1 THESSALONIANS

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why might the visit of Paul and his missionary team to Thessalonica have given the impression that it was “in vain” (v. 1)?
2. Paul intends to show the Thessalonians that this was *not* the case. What did the missionary team face in Philippi & Thessalonica (v. 2)?

How did they face up to such opposition?

3. How does Paul, positively & negatively, characterize their message to the Thessalonians—what it was and what it was not (vv. 3-6)?
4. Despite being “apostles of Christ,” what attitude did the missionary team demonstrate (vv. 6-8)? What was the evidence of this attitude?
5. How did Paul show that his team was not motivated by greed (vv. 5, 9)?

6. What is evident about the missionaries' character (v. 10)? What does this demonstrate?
7. How was the gospel of God presented to, and applied to, the Thessalonians (v. 11)? Why such varied means?
8. What is the goal of the gospel in each believer's life (v. 12)? In reflecting on what Paul has said in this passage, what does this look like?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will be bold (for the kingdom) this week by . . .

I will also be gentle (for the kingdom) this week by . . .

I will walk in a manner worthy of God this week by . . .