

With The Master In View of His Return  
Lesson 6 - The Paternal Ministry of the Apostle Paul - 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

1. (a) As you read 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 make note of the ways Paul ministered. (b) Who does he describe himself as? (c) Do you minister to others in this way?
  
2. Memorize 1 Thessalonians 2:11
  
3. Paul also mentions to the church at Corinth that he is like a father to them. (a) In what ways does Paul describe this relationship to the church at Corinth 1 Corinthians 4:14-21? (b) What might be some reasons that Paul uses the metaphor of a father when talking about ministering to others?
  
4. (a) Read over 1 Thessalonians chapter 2 and write down each time Paul tells the church they know something, or that they were witness to something, or that they remember something. (b) How many did you find? (c) Why do you think Paul often reminded the church of "these things"?
  
5. Paul exhorts the church at Thessalonica to walk worthy of God who has called them into His own kingdom and glory. (a) What are some reasons that we should walk worthy of God? See Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 1:27; Colossians 1:10; 1 John 1:7 (b) Looking over this past week, would you say that you have been walking worthy of God who has called you? (c) In what ways could your life better reflect Christ and His Kingdom?
  
6. What qualities in the life of your earthly Father have impacted you the most? How could you use those qualities as you minister to others?
  
7. Looking over question 5b what would be your prayer request to God? Please write it down.