

1 Thes. 2:1-12

¹ You yourselves, brothers, know our coming to you – that it was not in vain. ² But, even though we had suffered previously and had been treated insultingly in Philippi, just as you know, we were emboldened by our God to speak the good news of God to you in much struggle/opposition. ³ For, our exhortation does not come from error or from impure motive or from deceit. ⁴ But [by contrast], just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel, in this manner we speak – not as attempting to please men, but [attempting to please] God, Who is testing our hearts. ⁵ For, then we were neither acting with a word of flattery, nor in a pretense for greed, just as you know! God is witness! ⁶ Neither were we seeking glory from men – neither from you nor from others. ⁷ We were able to have been a burden to you, because we are apostles of Christ, but rather, we were innocent in your midst. Just like a nursing mother cherishes her own children, ⁸ Having a similar strong yearning for you, we were pleased to give you not only the Gospel of God, but also ourselves as well, because you had become beloved to us.

⁹ You, brothers, remember our work and labor/hardship – working night and day so that we would not be a burden to you – we preached to you the Gospel of God. ¹⁰ You and God are witnesses – we were holy, righteous, and blameless to you who believed.

¹¹ You know I dealt with each one of you as a father deals with his own children – ¹² encouraging you, and consoling [you] and testifying, so that you would walk worthy of the God who called you into His own Kingdom and glory.