



Stand Firm

A life worth Imitating

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Characteristics of a life worth imitating

I. _____

"For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts."

1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

II. _____

"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else."

1 Thessalonians 2:5-6

Dishonesty - _____

"You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed."

1 Thessalonians 2:10

Integrity - _____

III. _____

"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Mothers - _____

"We were like young children (gentle) among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well".

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Fathers - _____

"We dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory."

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

IV. Living this out:

What is God saying to me today?



Sit and think on it



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What characteristics do you think are important to have in a life worth imitating?

Who have you imitated in your lifetime?

How do decisions you make change based on whether you are working to please people or influence them?

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

How have you used flattery, greed and praise to get what you want?

How have you cared for someone like a mother?

How have you cared for someone like a father?

When you give selflessly there is an eternal reward. Why is it so hard to give of yourself without expecting anything in return?

Who do you think is in your life right now that is imitating you?

In what specific ways do you feel God is challenging you so that your life is worth imitating?