

1 Thessalonians Chapter Two

I Thes 2:1-20 (NIV)	I Thes 2:1-20 (NKJ)	Commentary
<p>1 You know, brothers, that our visit to you <u>was not a failure.</u></p> <p>2 We had previously <u>suffered</u> and been <u>insulted</u> in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God <u>we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition.</u></p> <p>3 For the appeal we make does not spring <u>from error</u> or <u>impure motives</u>, nor are we trying to <u>trick</u> you.</p>	<p>1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was <u>not in vain.</u></p> <p>2 But even after we had <u>suffered</u> before and were <u>spitefully treated</u> at Philippi, as you know, <u>we were bold</u> in our God to <u>speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.</u></p> <p>3 For our exhortation did not come from <u>error</u> or <u>uncleanness</u>, nor was it in <u>deceit.</u></p>	<p>Isaiah 55:11</p> <p>(insult)</p> <p><u>PAUL'S MOTIVATION:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not false teaching 2. Not impure motives 3. Not by deceit or trickery
<p>4 On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are <u>not trying to please men</u> but God, who tests our hearts.</p>	<p>4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, <u>but God who tests our hearts.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Not men-pleasers 5. Sincerity before God
<p>5 <u>You know we never used flattery,</u> nor did we put on a mask to <u>cover up greed--</u> God is our witness.</p>	<p>5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a <u>cloak for covetousness--</u> God is witness.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. No flattery (not a schmoozer) 7. No greed or covetousness
<p>6 We were <u>not looking for praise from men,</u> not from you or anyone else. <u>As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you.</u></p>	<p>6 <u>Nor did we seek glory from men,</u> either from you or from others, when <u>we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Not looking for praise or glory from man 9. Not a financial burden
<p>7 <u>but we were gentle among you,</u> like a mother <u>caring for her little children.</u></p>	<p>7 But we were <u>gentle</u> among you, just as a nursing mother <u>cherishes</u> her own children.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Gentle 11. Caring, cherishing <p style="text-align: right;">I Cor 4:18-5:5</p>
<p>8 We <u>loved</u> you so much that we were <u>delighted to share</u> with you not only the gospel of God <u>but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.</u></p>	<p>8 So, <u>affectionately longing for you,</u> we were well <u>pleased to impart</u> to you not only the gospel of God, but <u>also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Affectionate, loving 13. Delighted to share 14. Servants: gave of their lives
<p>9 Surely you remember, brothers, <u>our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone</u> while we preached the gospel of God to you.</p>	<p>9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; <u>for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you,</u> we preached to you the gospel of God.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Hard workers
<p>10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how <u>holy, righteous</u> and <u>blameless</u> we were among you who believed.</p>	<p>10 You are witnesses, and God also, how <u>devoutly</u> and <u>justly</u> and <u>blamelessly we behaved ourselves</u> among you who believe;</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Holy, devout, i.e. pure 17. Righteous—doing what is right 18. Blamelessly
<p>11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a <u>father</u> deals with his own children,</p>	<p>11 as you know how we <u>exhorted,</u> and <u>comforted,</u> and <u>charged</u> every one of you, <u>as a father</u> does his own children,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 19. Exhorted i.e. encouraged 20. Comforted 21. Charged 22. Fathered

<p>12 encouraging, comforting and urging you <u>to live lives worthy of God</u>, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.</p>	<p>12 that you would <u>walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory</u>.</p>	<p>WALK WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM! Eph 4:1-3; Eph 5:1-2; Phil 1:27; Col 1:9-14</p>
<p>13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, <u>you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God</u>, which is at work in you who believe.</p>	<p>13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, <u>you welcomed it not as the word of men</u>, but as it is in truth, the word of God, <u>which also effectively works in you who believe</u>.</p>	<p>Jer 23:28-30; Luke 8:11-15; Acts 8:14; Acts 13:44-46; Rom 10:17; Heb 4:12; 1 Pet 1:23-25</p> <p>Isa 55:11-13; John 6:63; II Th 3:1; James 1:21</p>
<p>14 For you, brothers, became <u>imitators of God's churches</u> in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews,</p>	<p>14 For you, brethren, became <u>imitators of the churches of God</u> which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,</p>	
<p>15 who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. <u>They displease God and are hostile to all men</u></p>	<p>15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; <u>and they do not please God and are contrary to all men</u>,</p>	
<p>16 in their effort <u>to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved</u>. In this way they always <u>heap up their sins to the limit</u>. <u>The wrath of God has come upon them at last</u>.</p>	<p>16 <u>forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved</u>, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; <u>but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost</u>.</p>	<p>Matt 3:7 Heb 10:30-31 John 3:36 Rev 6:1-17, esp. 12-17 Malachi 3:2-6 Rev. 14:9-13 Isa 63:1ff Prov. 11:23; Ps 46; Matt 24; Luke 21:29-36</p>
<p>17 But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of <u>our intense longing we made every effort to see you</u>.</p>	<p>17 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, <u>endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire</u>.</p>	<p>Paul a People Person!</p> <p>Rom 1:9-11; Rom 15:22-24</p>
<p>18 For we wanted to come to you-- certainly I, Paul, did, again and again-- <u>but Satan stopped us</u>.</p>	<p>18 Therefore we wanted to come to you-- even I, Paul, time and again-- <u>but Satan hindered us</u>.</p>	
<p>19 For what is <u>our hope, our joy, or the crown</u> in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?</p>	<p>19 For what is our <u>hope</u>, or <u>joy</u>, or <u>crown of rejoicing</u>? <u>Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?</u></p>	<p>What did you do with your life?</p> <p>Phil 4:1; 2 Cor 1:13-14</p>
<p>20 Indeed, <u>you are our glory and joy</u>. (NIV)</p>	<p>20 <u>For you are our glory and joy</u>. (NKJ)</p>	