

PAUL AMONG THE THESSALONIANS, AS A FATHER
I THESS. 2:8-12

I. PAUL'S LOVE FOR THE THESSALONIANS. V8

- A. Paul knew the accusation against him.
 - 1. A sophist, a vain talker.
 - 2. "He only wants your money."
- B. Paul openly defended himself.
 - 1. affectionately desirous = desire you with great love
 - 2. Would have given our lives, our very souls.

II. PAUL'S LABOR AMONG THE THESSALONIANS. V9

- A. Paul labored and toiled at two jobs.
 - 1. Making tents. Acts 18:3.
 - 2. Preaching the gospel.
- B. This is not the pattern for today.
 - 1. Paul at Corinth. II Cor. 12:12-16.
 - 2. Paul's teaching. I Cor. 9:1-14.
 - 3. This is God's choice, His election.
 - a. "the Lord ordained." v14.
 - b. No officer but the preacher can invoke scripture for his support.

III. PAUL'S LIFE AMONG THE THESSALONIANS. V10

- A. Everyone knew how Paul conducted himself.
 - 1. holily = pure from all crime.
 - 2. justly = with strict justice.
 - 3. unblameably = without reproach.
- B. The manner of life is important.
 - 1. The seal of a man's ministry.

IV. PAUL'S EXHORTATION TO THE THESSALONIANS. V11,12

- A. Paul was not afraid to teach them.
 - 1. exhorted = to call to one, to call near.
 - 2. comforted = to smoothe, to pacify, to speak tenderly
 - 3. charged = to make a solemn appeal.

- B. A coward in the pulpit is an abomination to God.
 - 1. The popular preacher.
 - 2. The "go-along-to-get-along" philosophy.

- C. "As a father."
 - 1. Rebukes.
 - 2. Exhorts.