I. THESSALONIANS. II.   
   
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 the gospel of God \*in much con- much contention. \* For   
 flict. 3‘ For our exhortation spring- our exhortation was not of   
 eth not from deceit, nor yet from deceit, nor of uncleanness,   
 impurity, nor yet is it in guile: nor in guile: \* but as we   
 4but according as we have been were allowed of God to be   
 @ 1 Cor. 25. approved of God to be \* put in trust put in trust with the gos-   
 1 Tim, 12, with the gospel, even so we speak ; pel, even so we speak; not   
 ‘not as pleasing men, but God, as pleasing men, but God,   
 kRorau$ k which proveth our hearts. 5 For which trieth our hearts.   
 i Gal. ‘neither at any time did we practise 5 For neither at any time   
 words of flattery, as ye know, nor a used we flattering words,   
 pretext of covetousness; ™God is as ye know, nor a cloke of   
 njohn x4, witness: 6 "nor of men sought we covetousness ; God is wit-   
 Mev olory, either from you, or from ness: § nor of men sought   
 o1Cor.ix.46 others, though we °might have been we glory, neither of you,   
 “tue ? burdensome, as apostles of Christ. nor yet of others, when we   
 tie: Dalle. 80. p2Cor. xi,9. xil. 14. Thess, 8. might have been burden-   
 some, as the apostles of   
   
   
   
 1 Cor. 1,   
 confidence is in God as our God. This   
 word reproduces the feeling with which proved,—thought fit: compare 1 Tim. i.   
 Paul and Silas opened their ministry 12. We must not introduce any ascer-   
 among them. of God is expressed for tained fitness of them in themselves into   
 solemnity, to add to the weight of their the idea: it is the free choice of God   
 entering in. in (amidst) much con- which is spoken of. pleasing, in the   
 flict, viz. under outward circumstances strict sense of the present tense,— going   
 conflicting much with our work : and there- about to please,—striving to please.   
 fore that work could be no empty thing, our hearts is not said generally, of all   
 which was thus maintained. men: but of us, Paul and Silvanus and   
 3, 4.) Reasons why he was bold to Timothy.   
 speak ...in much conflict the true 5 ff.] Proofs again of the assertions   
 and single-minded character of his of vv. 3,4. For neither did we become   
 and his duty to God as the steward of the conversant in (i.e. in English, did we   
 Gospel. 8.] our exhortation to you, practise, as in the text) speech of (con-   
 viz. our whole course of preaching. There sisting of) flattery, ye know, nor (did   
 is in the original no verb after exhorta- we become conversant) in pretext (em-   
 tion: but the sense of the sentence is ployed in that which was meant to be a   
 present ; not past, as in A. V.: compare pretext) of (serving to conceal) avarice;   
 “even so we speak” below. im- God is witness (it has been observed, that,   
 purity] hardly, as Chrysostom, “that we he appeals to chem as witnesses that he   
 busied not ourselves with abominable did not flatter them; but to God, who   
 matters, as magicians, &e. do,”—though alone knows the hearts, that he had no   
 such a reference is certainly possible, selfish ends in view. But perhaps it is   
 sidering the vile degradation of that class simpler to refer God is witness to the   
 at the period,—but here apparently of the whole). 6.] The glory which they   
 impure desire of gain, compare ver. 5, sought was not at all to come out of   
 where “in pretext of covetousness” seems human sources, whether actually from the   
 to correspond with from impurity here. Thessalonians or from any others.   
 in guile] This is said of the manner, though we might have been burdensome]   
 or perhaps the ethical sphere, in which: Some refer this to covefousness, men-   
 “nor did we make use of deceit to win tioned above, and understand it of using   
 our way with our exhortation.’ See the power of living by the gospel, which   
 2 Cor. ii. 17. 4.) according as, in St. Paul, &., might have done, but did   
 proportion as. we have been ap- not: so ver. 9: 2 Thess. iii. 2 Cor. xii.   
 16; xi. 9. But the words are separated