3—10. I. THESSALONIANS.   
   
   
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 Christ. 7 But we were 7 But \* we proved gentle among you, ™1¢   
 gentle among you, even as like as when a nursing-mother che- 2 Cor.   
 a nurse cherisheth her chil- risheth her own children: 2 ‘Tim,   
 dren: %so being affec- being affectionately desirous of 8 you,   
 tionately desirous of you, we were willing to \*impart unto you, »Zom.i.n. 8   
 we were willing to have not only the gospel of God, but also   
 imparted unto you, not the tour own lives, because ye became t20vr.xii.15.   
 gospel of God only, but very dear unto us.   
 also our own souls, because member, brethren, our labour and   
 ye were dear untous. ° For toil: "working night and For ye \* re- ™Aeis7x   
 ye remember, brethren, our we might not burden any of you, 2h   
 labour and travail: for we proclaimed unto you the gospel \*2¢sr- x18,   
 labouring night and day, 10¥ Ye are witnesses, and yehi.6.   
 because we would not be God also, how “holily and justly =2¢or.vit.2,   
 chargeable unto any of you,   
 we preached unto you the   
 gospel of God. ¥e are of God.   
 witnesses, and God also,   
 2 Thess. 7.   
   
 from the mention of covetousness by the joys to give not only her milk, but her life,   
 new idea beginning at ver. 6, to which, for them,—so we, bringing up you as   
 and not to the former clause, this is spiritual children, delighted in giving, not   
 subordinated. I therefore take them with only the milk of the word, but even (and   
 Chrysostom and many others, as referring here it was matter of fact) our own lives,   
 to the claim of honour and deference, for your nourishment in Christ. And that,   
 which as Apostles they might have put because ye became very dear unto us.   
 forward. They are equivalent to, when 9.] Proof of the dearness of the   
 we might have stood on our dignity. Thessalonians to Paul and his com-   
 as (being) Apostles of Christ] It is simpler panions : not of: these last gentle   
 to take Apostles here in its wider sense, among them, to which it would be irre-   
 than to limit the sentence to St. Paul levant,—nor of their readiness to give   
 alone. 7.) But contrasts, not with their lives, &e., for this verse does not   
 the mere subordinate clause of the last refer to dangers undergone, but to labour,   
 verse (“though we might,” &c.), but with in order not to trouble any. our   
 its whole sense, and introduces the positive labour and toil] a repetition to intensify:   
 side of their behaviour: as if it were said, no distinction can be established.   
 ‘so far from being any of the aforesaid, working) in its strict of manual   
 we were...” we proved, as before, Jabour—viz., at tent-cloth making, Acts   
 were found by experience to be: became, xviii. 3. night and day] The night   
 as your estimate of us became more accu- is mentioned first, not merely because the   
 rate and thorough. among you] i.e. Jews and Athenians so reckoned it, but   
 ‘in our converse with you;’ but with an Sor emphasis, being the most noteworthy,   
 allusion to our not lifting ourselves above and the day following as matter of course.   
 you;—as being ourselves your fellows. See ch. iii. 10; Mark v.5; 2 Tim.i.3;   
 ‘The emphasis on her own should not be Isa. xxxiv. 10; Acts xx. 31. that we   
 lost sight of—as when a nurse (a suckling might not burden any of you, viz. by   
 mother) cherishes her own children. See accepting from you the means of suste-   
 Gal. iv. 19, for the same figure. 8.] nance. On the supposed are witnesses, of   
 thus belongs to became willing, and an- the statement appearance. the narrative the   
 swers to as above. The expression our heart. see Introd., § is more a note.   
 own lives, as remarked above, shews having respect to God: justice, of men.   
 beyond doubt that he is including here behaviour and teaching among the where   
 Silas and Timothy with himself. The term the words occur separately, or seem to   
 to impart will not strictly apply to our   
 own lives, but we must borrow from it the   
 idea of or offering.—The comparison   
 is exceedingly tender and beautiful: as the   
 nursing-mother, cherishing her children,