

# The Toil of Love

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

How do we **share** the gospel  
when we are **weak**?



# Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

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2a,b Toil of **Love**

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3 Strength from **Hope**

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4 Growing in Purity + **Love**

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5a **Hope** of Salvation

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5b Acts of **Faith**



# Toil of Love (1Thes2)

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1. Clean **Heart** (v3-6)
2. **Mother's** Gift (v7-9)
3. **Father's** Encouragement (v10-12)

For our appeal does not spring from  
**error** or **impurity** or any attempt to **deceive**,

1 Thessalonians 2:3 (ESV)

For we never came with  
words of **flattery**, as you know,  
nor with a pretext for **greed** –  
God is witness.  
Nor did we seek **glory** from people

1 Thessalonians 2:5 (ESV)

but just as we have been **approved** by God  
to be **entrusted** with the gospel,  
so we speak, not to please **man**,  
but to please **God** who **tests** our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (ESV)

(clean hearts)



**Is my heart clean**  
**as I share the gospel?**

(outline 2)

But we were **gentle** among you,  
like a nursing **mother**  
taking care of her own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 (ESV)



So, being **affectionately** desirous of you,  
we were ready to **share** with you not only  
the **gospel** of God but also our own **selves**,  
because you had become very **dear** to us.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (ESV)

For you remember, brothers, our **labor and toil**:  
we worked **night and day**, that we  
might not be a **burden** to any of you,  
while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

# Labour and Toil

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- “All work is **sinful**”
- “All work is **holy**”



(work hard, care deeply)

**Do I **work** hard  
and **care** deeply  
as I proclaim the gospel?**

(outline 3)



You are witnesses, and God also, how  
**holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**  
was our conduct toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

For you know how,  
like a **father** with his children,  
**12** we **exhorted** each one of you  
and **encouraged** you and **charged** you  
to **walk** in a manner **worthy** of God,  
who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)

(walk worthily)

**Will I encourage, comfort, and testify  
that others may walk worthy of God's calling?**

(prayer)