

The Toil of Love

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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

(prayer)

Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

2a,b Toil of **Love**

3 Strength from **Hope**

4 Growing in Purity + **Love**

5a **Hope** of Salvation

5b Acts of **Faith**

Toil of Love (1Thes2)

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

- “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)