# The Toil of Love 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

How do we share the gospel when we are weak?

## (prayer)

#### **Growing Together, While Apart**

- Impact of Faith
- Toil of Love 2a,b
- Strength from Hope
- Growing in Purity + Love
- **Hope** of Salvation 5a
- Acts of Faith 5b

## Toil of Love (1Thes2)

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

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#### 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.

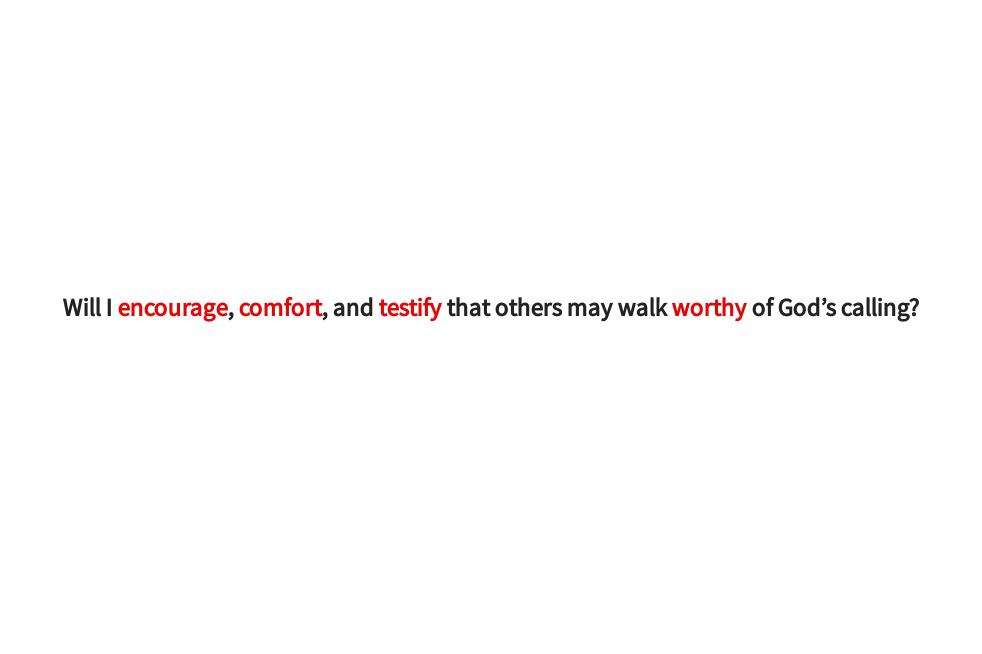
1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

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)





### (prayer)