

*1Th 1:1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To
the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace and peace to you.*

Silas, a leading man in Jerusalem
Acts 15.22 chosen in Acts 15.40

Timothy of Lystra chosen in Acts 16.3

*1Th 1:2-3 We always thank God for
all of you and continually mention
you in our prayers. (3) We
remember before our God and
Father your work produced by faith,
your labor prompted by love, and
your endurance inspired by hope in
our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1Th 1:4-5 For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, (5) because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

They truly believed and obeyed. Called
by the gospel 2Th 2.14

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

2Co 12:12 I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.

His manner

Act 20:33-35 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. (34) You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. (35) In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

*1Th 1:6-7 You became imitators of us
and of the Lord, for you welcomed the
message in the midst of severe suffering
with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. (7)
And so you became a model to all the
believers in Macedonia and Achaia.*

Paul limited their imitation to him as he
followed Christ -- 1Co 11:1 Be imitators
of me, just as I also am of Christ.

1Th 1:8-9 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, (9) for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

Mat 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Lk 3:8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

*1Th 1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven,
whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who
rescues us from the wrath to come.*

Heb 10:12 But when this priest had offered for all
time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right
hand of God,

2Th 1:8-9 He will punish those who do not know
God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

(9) They will be punished with everlasting
destruction and shut out from the presence of the
Lord and from the glory of his might

1Th 2:1-2 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, (2) but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.

Paul speaks of the beatings and jail in
Philippi Acts 16.16-40

1Th 2:3-6 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; (4) but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. (5) For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed--God is witness-- (6) nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority. NAS incorrect!

we might have been burdensome- KJV
made demands - ESV

What kind of demands? –

1Co 9:14-15 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. (15) But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

2Co 11:7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge?

1Th 2:7-9 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. (8) Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. (9) For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

Act 18:1-3 After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. (2) And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, (3) and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

It is in this chapter that Paul begins preaching full time v. 5.

1Th 2:10-11 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; (11) just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,

Again Paul explains his example as in
1Co 11.1

1Th 2:12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

God's message transforms lives

1Th 2:14-15 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, (15) who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men,

Paul was one of the men doing this for a time.

Act 8:1-4 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. (2) *Some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. (3) But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. (4) Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

*1Th 2:16 hindering us from speaking
to the Gentiles so that they may be
saved; with the result that they
always fill up the measure of their
sins. But wrath has come upon them
to the utmost.*

Claiming in Acts 15 that the Gentiles
had to become Jews.

1Th 2:17-18 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while--in person, not in spirit--were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. (18) For we wanted to come to you--I, Paul, more than once--and yet Satan hindered us.

Paul looks at any blocking of his preaching the message to be Satan's work.

1Th 2:19-20 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? (20) For you are our glory and joy.

Other Christians are the joy and crown of the evangelist.

2Ti 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: (8) henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing. – ASV