

1st Thessalonians

Chapter 2:1-12 – Lesson 3

“A Worthy Walk”

"If the Bible was the invention of man, you must confess that they had to be the smartest men who ever lived. Forty-four different authors wrote over the span of 1,500 years, and yet, it is one unified story that has stood the test of time and extreme critical analysis. No other book has had such a profound influence for good in the world than the Bible. It has been likened unto an anvil that has been hammered upon for centuries by skeptics and doubters. The hammers wore away and have been discarded, but the Anvil still stands. Paul described the Word as that "which effectually works in you that believe." It is so beautiful to see the effect of the Word on the lives of those who were nearly destroyed by sin. Once they are cleansed, redeemed, and set free, their lives become meaningful. God's Word brings change—not only to those in the church in Thessalonica 2,000 years ago, but to those in the church today."

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1. Verses 1-4:

- a. What does **verse 1** mean?
- b. Generally speaking, past suffering triggers current hesitation when in similar circumstances. Hesitation is NOT seen by Paul and his team in **verses 2-4**. Why?
- c. What does it mean to be “approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel?”

- c. Paul concludes this section of his epistle with **verse 12**. What does a “*walk worthy of God*” look like (review **verses 3-11** here, and Col 1:9-12)?

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. (Col 1:9-12)