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up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be unwith the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Gods will for you in Christ Jesus Donot quench the Spirit. For God

Homework-3

Spend some time this week reading 1 Thessalonians chapter two. Read it every day, if possible. Remember that the more time you spend in it, the better you will understand it and the more it will seep into your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see what He has for you in His Word.

I. Read chapter 2.

What are your general observations, impressions, thoughts, questions, and feelings?

II. Re-read Acts 16 & 17.

a. 1 Thessalonians 2:2& 9 talks about how Paul and his co-workers had suffered and were insulted and yet they continued "telling the gospel in spite of strong opposition." What is Paul referring to?

Why do you think they kept sharing the gospel?

b. One technique that is helpful in interpreting scripture is looking for contrasts. Read 1
Thessalonians 2:1-12 in the English Standard Version keeping your eyes open for words like "but" or "for" that will help identify the contrasting ideas.

¹ For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ 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. ⁵

For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we 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.

- a. What is the idea Paul is contrasting between v.1 and 2?
- b. What is the idea Paul is contrasting between v. 3 and 4?
- c. We all want to please God and not man. How was Paul able to live this out?
- d. What needs to change in your life so that you are able to live to please God and not man?