
SERMON OUTLINE

The healthy Christian: Embracing leadership

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- I. Risks: Spiritual leaders care about the gospel, more than the risks of sharing it (2:1-2).
 - A. Paul's team led people to faith in Christ (1).
 - B. Paul's team persisted in spite of hostility (2).

- II. Motives: Spiritual leaders care about pleasing God more than their own interests (2:3-6a).
 - A. Not deceit or manipulation to trick people, but desiring to please God (3-4)
 - B. Not flattery, greed, or impressing people, but desiring to please God (5-6a)

- III. Relationships – Spiritual leaders care about people as well as truth (2:6b-12)
 - A. Like a mom who doesn't want to burden her children (6b-9)
 - Gentle – Sharing the gospel out of love
 - Hard-working – Tireless effort for the gospel
 - B. Like a dad who truly cares about his child's future (11-12)
 - Modeling Christlikeness for them.
 - Coaching them to Christlikeness