

1 Thessalonians 2:9–12 ESVUK

⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labour 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 towards you believers. ¹¹ 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.

God's blueprint for authentic life

The work that produces healthy growth

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Introduction

Acts 14:21 – 22 “when they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom of God” (see also Acts 15:32, 41; 18:23; 20:2)

1. Godly exertion

2. Careful exhortation

Conclusion

- Authenticity
- Urgency
- Transparency

Question for discussion and reflection:

- What do you find attractive about the leadership Paul and his companions exercised?
- Where does it challenge or confirm patterns of leadership we have experienced?
- What might happen if such leadership were exercised among the Christians in your company?
- What might it involve for you?

Next week: True satisfaction, John 4, Paul Williams