

Sunday, March 1, 2026

1 Thessalonians: How Paul's Planting of the Church at Thessalonica Provides a Pattern for Our Witness 1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

Scripture passage: Acts 16:11-40

1. It shows that _____ efforts are never in vain.
2. It proves that God can _____ for boldness despite opposition.
3. It reminds us that our _____ is to proclaim the Gospel.
4. It shows the _____ of pure motives.
5. It teaches us to _____ deceptive methods.

"These proposals that we should preach less, and do various other things more, are of course not new at all. People seem to think that all this is quite new, and that it is the hallmark of modernity to decry or to depreciate preaching, and to put your emphasis on these other things. The simple answer to that is that there is nothing new about it. The actual form may be new, but the principle is certainly not a new one at all; indeed, it has been the particular emphasis of this present century."

- MLJ

*"Thus says the Lord of hosts,
"Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you.
They are leading you into futility;
They speak a vision of their own imagination,
Not from the mouth of the Lord.
¹⁷ "They keep saying to those who despise Me,
'The Lord has said, "You will have peace";
And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart,
They say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.'"*

Jeremiah 23:16-17

Applying the Word:

- Pray that the Lord will give us a thick skin to ignore opposition to the Gospel and that we will boldly proclaim Jesus.
- Evaluate our motives and methods, considering this morning's text.
- Seek to put off pleasing men and to walk in a manner that pleases God.