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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

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I THESSALONIANS 2: 1-6

1. (1) _____ IN GOD

2. (2) _____ TO GOD'S TRUTH

3. PROCLAIM THE (3) _____ WITH THE FULL
(4) _____ OF GOD

4. FULLY (5) _____ TO GOD

5. ALL (6) _____ BELONGS TO GOD

QUESTIONS

1. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO INCREASE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD?
2. HOW DO YOU RESPOND WHEN YOU FACE OPPOSITION/RESISTANCE WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL?
3. ARE YOU TEMPTED TO 'WATER DOWN' THE GOSPEL OR NOT SHARE THE GOSPEL AT ALL TO AVOID CONFLICT/CONFRONTATION?
4. WOULD PEOPLE SAY THAT YOUR LIFESTYLE ACCURATELY REFLECTS YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S WORD? DO YOU WALK WHAT YOU TALK?
5. HOW DOES KNOWING THAT YOU ARE UNDER AUTHORITY SHAPE THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE AND SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS?
6. HOW DOES KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ULTIMATELY ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD SHAPE THE WAY YOU LIVE AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL?
7. DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH 'PEOPLE PLEASING'? WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
8. DISCUSS SOME PRACTICAL WAYS WE CAN BECOME FREE FROM 'PEOPLE PLEASING' AND BECOME MORE GENUINE IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.

FILL IN THE BLANK KEY

1. CONFIDENCE 2. COMMITTED 3. GOSPEL 4. AUTHORITY 5. ACCOUNTABLE 6. GLORY




a church in
a study in
Troubled
1 Thessalonians
times

¹ You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you **was not without results.**

An open book is shown at the bottom of the image, with its pages slightly curved. The text "1 Thessalonians 2:1" is overlaid on the book in a white serif font.

1 Thessalonians 2:1

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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John 3.16-18

Confidence in God

² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, **but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel** in the face of strong opposition.

1 Thessalonians 2.2

Committed to God's Truth

³ For the **appeal** we make does not spring from **error or impure motives**, nor are we **trying to trick you**.

1 Thessalonians 2.3

Proclaim the Gospel with the full Authority of God

⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those **approved by God** to be **entrusted with the gospel**.

1 Thessalonians 2.4a

⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ...

Ephesians 3.8

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one **approved**, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth.**

2 Timothy 2.15

Fully Accountable to God

^{4b} We are not trying to please people but God, who **tests our hearts**. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—**God is our witness**.

1 Thessalonians 2.4b-5

⁹ And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for **the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought...**

1 Chronicles 28.9

²³... I (**Jesus**) am he who **searches hearts and minds...**

Revelation 2.23

²³Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139.23-24

All Glory/Praise belongs to God

⁶ We were not looking for **praise from people**, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

1 Thessalonians 2.6

**36 For from Him and through Him and for Him are
all things.**

To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

Romans 11.36

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