

# The Ministry God Honors

## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

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### A. The Ministry God Honors

1. A ministry centered on the Gospel: 1 Thess. 2:4, 8, 9, 1 Cor. 2:1-2
2. A ministry of sincerity: 1 Thess. 2:3, 4, 2 Cor. 5:6-10, Phil. 1:20-21
3. A ministry of stewardship: 1 Thess. 2:4, John 1:35-37, John 3:30
4. A ministry of Christ-like character: 1 Thess. 2:7-9; 11-12

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5. A ministry of encouragement: 1 Thess. 2:12, Rom. 1:11-12
  - a. The ministry of encouragement: the command  
1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11; Heb. 3:12-13, Heb. 10:23-25
  - b. The ministry of encouragement: the practice  
1 Thess. 2:12, Acts 14:22-23, Acts 16:40,  
John 16:33, Acts 20:1-2
  - c. The ministry of encouragement: the source
    - God: Relationally with His people  
Rom. 15:5, Phil. 2:1-2, 1 Sam. 23:15-16
    - God: Individually to His people  
1 Sam. 30:3-6
  - d. The ministry of encouragement: the means
    - Sharing of lives for spiritual growth and example  
Rom. 1:11-12, Heb. 10:24-25, Rom. 15:4
    - Sharing of burdens for support and strength  
Gal. 6:2
    - Sharing of words for edification and affirmation  
Rom. 16:1-2, 2 Thess. 1:3-4, Prov. 16:24
    - Sharing in the fellowship of prayer  
Luke 9:28-33, Luke 22:31-32