



I THESSALONIANS

Part Nine

I Thessalonians 2:3-4

For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

A. Paul's Faithfulness. 1-12.

2. Paul's Motives. 3-4.

a. Paul's motives for preaching were not rooted in:

- 1) False doctrine. *Not of deceit.*
- 2) An impure heart. *Nor of uncleanness.*
- 3) A hidden agenda. *Nor in guile.*

b. Paul's was driven and guided by:

- 1) The opportunity given to him by God. *as we were allowed of God*
- 2) The responsibility entrusted to him by God.

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- 3) His focused desire to please God. *not as pleasing men, but God*
- 4) His awareness of accountability to God. *God, which trieth our hearts*

GREAT TRUTHS

1. *Your motives are important because they will ultimately determine your actions.*
2. *We each must learn to recognize and eliminate unscriptural motives in ourselves.*
3. *Focus less on self-promotion and self-defense, and more on self-examination.*