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 to be put in trust with the gospel*
      2) The responsibility entrusted to him by God.
      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.