



I THESSALONIANS

Part Ten

I Thessalonians 2:5-6

For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

3. Paul's Methods. 5-12.

a. Paul's methods were free of phoniness. 5-6.

1) Paul was careful in his presentation.

a) His speech. *flattering words*

b) His personality. *cloke of covetousness*

c) His emphasis. *nor of men sought we glory*

2) Paul was consistent in his purpose.

a) His sincerity was constant. *neither at any time*

b) His sincerity was clear. *as ye know*

c) His sincerity was confirmed. *God is witness*

3) Paul was cautious of their perceptions. *when we might have*

been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ

a) He did not want his title to be a distraction.

b) He did not want his title to be a burden.

c) He did not want to take advantage of his title.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. Strive to have a Christlike character and spirit so that you can afford to be real.

2. Do not allow yourself to have a plastic personality.

3. Always strive to be a blessing and not a burden to people.