



I THESSALONIANS

Part Eleven

I Thessalonians 2:7-8

But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

3. Paul's Methods. 5-12.

b. Paul's methods were governed by gentleness. 7-8.

1) His approach clearly illustrated. *as a nurse cherisheth her children*

a) Protection was his priority.

b) Nourishment was his focus.

c) Patience was his rule.

2) His feelings openly expressed. *being affectionately desirous of you*

a) Paul had an intense desire for them to be saved.

b) Paul had an intense desire for them to grow.

c) Paul had an intense desire for them to thrive.

3) His resources gladly surrendered. *willing to have imparted unto you*

a) He was driven to preach the Word.

b) He was moved to open his heart.

c) He was willing to give his life.

GREAT TRUTHS

1. Christian leadership ought to be characterized by gentleness, not by militancy.

2. God often gives us a special burden for a unique task.

3. A burden for souls can move you to go the extra mile for people.