

In Pursuit of a Better Church, part 2
"The Heart of a Spiritual Leader"

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

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I. The Marks of a Spiritual Leader. (2:1-6)

- What is the message?
- What is the motive?
- What is the method?

II. The Metaphors of a Spiritual Leader (2:7-12)

A. A Mother's Love (2:7-9)

- Affection
- Life
- Sacrifice

B. A Father's Guidance (2:10-12)

- Integrity
- Encouragement
- Challenge
Ephesians 4:1
Philippians 1:27
Colossians 1:10

Cell Group Discussion Questions

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1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16 carefully together.
2. What do you think is the primary reason why Paul writes this particular section to the Thessalonians?

What is his bottom line message?

3. Think of a good spiritual leader that you have known and the qualities that made him/her a good spiritual leader.

Now, think of a bad spiritual leader that you have known and the qualities that made him/her a bad spiritual leader

What are some of the critical differences?

4. How is spiritual leadership, especially as described in this passage, different from political or corporate leadership?
5. Spend time praying that you would "walk in a manner worthy of God."