

**Share the Gospel**

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-6**

The mistreatment that Paul experienced in Philippi is recorded in Acts 16:12-40 and in Thessalonica in Acts 17:1-10.

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List the opposition they faced encountered in Philippi and Thessalonica.

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What does Paul say specifically was not part of his motivation in preaching the gospel?

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What was the driving force which compelled these believers to share their faith?

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What does Paul say specifically was not part of his motivation in the preaching of the gospel?

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Compare 1 Thessalonians 2:4 to 2 Corinthians 2:17 and 4:1-2. How should this heart purpose result in the boldness and methods of speech described in these passages?

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Which motives, positive or negative mentioned by Paul reflects your heart in relation to conversations about the gospel?

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"So we speak, not as pleasing men, but God, who examines our hearts." Meditate on this passage. Are you willing to adopt this as the focus of your heart in relation to conversations about the gospel? Consider the implications in future sharing of the Gospel. Record your prayer of commitment to this motivation and of request for God's help.

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