



LIVING AT THE END OF TIME

PROFILE OF AN AUTHENTIC PASTOR

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12(NIV)

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You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. ²We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. ⁶We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. ⁷Instead, we were like young

children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. ⁹Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹²encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Introduction

The Profile of an Authentic Pastor

1. A Spiritual Midwife

2. A Mother

Purposes of Scripture:

- a. to teach us
- b. to reprove us - tell us when we are going off course
- c. to correct us - to get us back on course
- d. to train us in righteousness

3. A Father

encouraging - comforting - urging

4. A Shepherd

Acts 20:28

Conclusion

Ephesians 4:11-15

A Psalm of David - Psalm 23