

**{52} I Thessalonians**

**Chapter 2**

(1) Because you yourselves know, brothers, our coming to you, was not in vain:

(2) But even after we had suffered before, and were shamefully treated, as you know, at Philippi,<sup>a</sup> we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God even amid much controversy.

(3) Because our encouragement *was* not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in trickery:

(4) But as we were allowed by God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, Who tries our hearts.

(5) Because never at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak of covetousness {greed};<sup>b</sup> God is witness:

(6) Nor did we seek praise of men, neither of you, nor *yet* of others, when we might have been a burden to you, as the apostles of Christ.

(7) But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children:

(8) So affectionately desiring you, we were willing to have imparted to you, not the gospel of God only, but also our very own souls, because you were dear to us.

(9) Because you remember, brothers, our labor and pain: we preached to you the gospel of God laboring night and day, because we did not want to be indebted to any of you.

(10) You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holy and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe:

(11) As you know how we encouraged and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his children,

(12) That you would walk worthy of God, Who has called you to His kingdom and glory.

2:2a - Acts 16:12f

2:5b – covetousness – greed - wanting things that belong to others