

“Yes kids, it’s just a walk.” Dr. V. P. Wierwille

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I Thessalonians 2

Three reflections

1. Reflection the birth of the child
2. Reflection of the periods of training/follow up
3. Reflection of the times in the future that everyone will get together again.

A twig is like this;

1. First time to twig
2. Training in the word/follow up
3. Look forward to the time we will all be back together

Gathering together is like that;

1. Get into the Word
2. Grow up/ follow up
3. Gathering together

Each twig fellowship should be like the gathering together.

I Thessalonians 2:1-16 – talk about his 1st entrance

It is the Word that has brought us all together.

We received PFAL as the Word of God.

I Thessalonians 2:17-3:6 – The follow up.

Never totally let your children go until they are able to stand on their own.

I Thessalonians 4:13 – What our true hope of looking forward to is.

I Thessalonians 2:1 – entrance – same as in 1:9

Vain – empty without substance

2:2 – Shamefully entreated – hubris – treat with impudence, insolence,
pride

English (huberous – exaggerated pride after results in consequences)

Hubris – pride or injury the result of pride

Acts 16:22-24,36-39 – This is in Philippi

Acts 14:5 – “use despitefully” – hubrizo

Matthew 22:6 – “spitefully” – hubrizo

Acts 27:10 – “hurt” – hubrizo – hurt the result of pride
27:21 – “harm” – hubris

I Timothy 1:13 – “injurious” – hubrites

I Thessalonians 2:2 – “gospel” – good news – genitive – one noun dependent upon another i.e. “gospel of” genitive of relation i.e. that’s what the gospel is about not from, i.e. Gospel of Christ not from Christ. “Gospel of God” is the only genitive of origin it means the gospel from God.

Romans 1:1 – Paul declared the gospel of the mystery

Romans 15:15,16 – he was the minister of the Gospel of God

II Corinthians 11:7,8 – He preached freely

I Thessalonians 2 – the Gospel of God occurs 3 times in I Thessalonians 2

I Timothy 1:11 – The administration of God (Godly edifying)

I Peter 4:17 – We are the house of God

I Thessalonians 2:2,8,9

2:2 – “contention” – agon – the athletic grueling contest very intense, takes you all. The analogy is to the playing field not the cheering section. During time of peace the only competition is on the playing field. It’s all according to a set of rules. In the Old Testament there were no real rules except with the Spirit. But in the New Testament God has a rule book.

Democracy/ majority rules vs. Republic/ majority rule under the law

The discipline is on the field not in the stands. You must be bold in the contest.

I Thessalonians 2:3-6 – paradiastole – Figure of Speech – repetition of disjunctives, or, neither, nor, i.e. Romans 8:38 – emphasis on each word, to make the point.

2:3 – “exhortation” – encouragement

“error” – deceit

“uncleanness” – spiritually impure

“guile” – dolos – deceit, trickery, subtlety (used as bait for fish Acts 13:10)

I Thessalonians 2:4 – “allowed” – dokimazo – approved
“trieth” – dokimazo – prove (positive) God looks for a positive
outcome. (terazo used for negative proving i.e. testing)

Galatians 1:10-12 – “certify”

I Thessalonians 2:5 – “flattering words” – a word of flattery
“cloak” – cover up, everything underneath
“covetousness” – greedy desire for more
“God is witness” – Figure of Speech – deasis – expression of
feelings by an oath.

Philippians 1:8 – FOS – he humbled himself and became obedient.

Galatians 1:20 – FOS – behold before God, I lie not.

II Corinthians 1:23 – FOS - for a record upon my soul

I Thessalonians 2:6 – Three points

1. The men were influential men.
2. Of you either as leader
3. Other men of God/ leaders of other denominations.

Beros – burdensome – a burden that can be shared by others. (Galatians 6:2)

This is used in Thessalonians as a mark of his authority or rather a diminishing of his authority. In all of Thessalonians he doesn't press it, he uses humility to help and reach others.

If you have to bait someone to get them to twig you might as well through them the fish.

This is one of the great sections on how to go witnessing and move the word in your twig.

1. Speak the Word get them in
2. Follow up with the family
3. Look forward to the gathering together

If the Word doesn't live in you it won't live in any one else around you.