

Family Discipleship Resource

Jan 18-24

(1 Thess 2:5-8)



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

*Lead me and my family into deeper levels of gospel engagement with those you have placed around us.
Thank you for investing in me through faithful followers over the years.*

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (1 Thess 2:5-8)

*"5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness—
6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we
might have asserted our authority. 7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother
tenderly cares for her own children. 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to
impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to
us."*

O – Observe what God has said

What are some ways Paul COULD HAVE invested in the ministry of Thessalonica?

***Describe the attitude that is needed for appropriate gospel engagement? What makes this attitude
difficult to adopt?***

W – Work on Application

Practical Ideas worth considering:

- Write a card of encouragement to a neighbor/coworker.
- Deliver baked goods/gifts to a neighbor along with a verse.
- Pay for the person behind you in a drive through (or in line) and share why: "I wanted to share God's love with you in this tangible way."
- Get to know familiar cashiers/salespeople/waiters/waitresses. Pray for/with them and follow up.
- Invite a neighbor/coworker/etc. to dinner (or better, to your home for a meal).
- Look for and seize opportunities to steer conversations in a redemptive direction (listen for hangups, hopes, and heartaches).
- Ask people to share their story with you and take advantage of opportunities to share

Which of these tips can we take this week?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: *"...we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but
also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us." 1 Thess 5:8*