

## “A Portrait of a Sold-out Believer” 6/20/21

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

#### *1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”*

**Setting of Thessalonica- paganism, pluralism, hedonism, materialism; religious charlatanism; tolerance; licentiousness (sexual immorality)**

Paul writes, *“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”* (1Corinthians 11:1)

**LESSON 1-** The life of a sold-out believer should strive for these TRAITS

- A. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes gospel BOLDNESS (v. 2; Mark 16:15; 8:38; Rom 1:16-17; 2 Cor 3:3-12 “boldness in speech”)
- B. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes the full GOSPEL (v. 2-3; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; Four S’s; Bad news; Good news)
- C. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes the right MOTIVE (v. 4; John 12:43; 2 Timothy 2:15; Galatians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 5:9)
- D. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes a heart that is PURE (v. 5; Isaiah 30:10; Acts 20:33; 1 Timothy 6:6-11; Proverbs 30:7-9)
- E. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes avoiding EGOISM (v. 6; Matthew 23:7-9; 1 Cor 1:12-13; Matthew 20:25-28)
- F. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes gentle SACRIFICE (v. 7-9; cherish- warm, not scalding; Imparting Gospel and our lives)
- G. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes proper BEHAVIOR (v. 10; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Matthew 5:16; 2 Cor 6:3; 7:2; 2 Thess 3:7)
- H. The characteristic of a sold-out believer includes walking WORTHY (v. 11-12; Galatians 5:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; Ephesians 4:1)

**Discipleship**    *God wants us to truly love and serve Him with everything!*  
**Response**

*“All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith.”* (Heb 11:39)

Paul’s life was permeated with the gospel. Is yours? 1) Write down in 25 words or less the content of the gospel (with verses); 2) Pick 2 characteristics that you will commit to working on in your life. Share this with someone you trust for accountability.

*Striving to be Disciples who Make Disciples*