

"A Father's Faith"
1 Thessalonians 2:7-12
Father's Day June 21, 2009

1 Thess 2:7 as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children

1 Thess 2:11 as a father would his own children

**I want to look at 6 characteristics that will produce a legacy –
"A Father Faith."**

1. Verse 7 – A Father of Faith Is Gentle:

gentle – "To be mild, to be kind, is an old word to keep warm, to cherish with tender love, to foster."

Eph. 6:4

bring them up - "to nourish up to maturity," "to nurture," "to feed in friendliness, gentleness."

Eph. 5:29

Gal. 5:22-23

2. Verse 8 – A Father Of Faith Is Loving:

fond affection for you - word "a term of endearment derived from the language of the nursery"

1 John 3:10-11,14,16

True love of a Father is manifested through discipline:

Prov 13:24

Prov. 22:15

Prov. 23:13-14

Prov. 29:15

Prov. 30:17

Prov 12:1

3. Verse 8 – A Father Of Faith Is Transparent:

Ex. 20:4-6

4. Verse 9 – A Father Of Faith Is Hard Working:

2 Cor 12:14

1 Tim. 5:8

5. Verse 10 – A Father Of Faith Is Holy:

Paul's Walk: You are witnesses, and so is God,

how devoutly "holy, pious being pleasing to God"; "carefully fulfilling the duties God gives to a person."

The term Holy – "one thing, to be whole, complete"

and uprightly "righteous in our dealings with our neighbors"

"And we were blameless; "our public reputation"
we behaved toward you believers; Paul lived out His message:

6. Verses 11-12 – A Father Of Faith Is An Encourager:

Paul's Words: we were exhorting – "to call to one's side, to correct, instruct"

and encouraging – "to calm and console"

and imploring – "be a witness to"

1 Thess 2:12

worthy – "to balance, to weigh the same"

Application:

1. Fathers of small children: Ask the Lord to search your hearts. Ask Him to show you the standard you are setting for your children.
2. The young people: Many of you are growing up without the benefit of a Father in your home. Some of you are growing up with a Father who lives in your house, but who is not seeking to lead you to the throne of grace.