

**First Thessalonians Study**  
**Questions for First Thessalonians 2:9-16**

1. In verses 9-12 Paul says that he deliberately avoids being dependent on the Thessalonians financially. What does this say about
  - a. Paul's Integrity,
  - b. Paul's Example
  - c. Paul's Motives
  - d. What light does verse 1 Thessalonians 2:6 shed on these verses?
  
2. What do verses 9-13 reveal about Paul's feelings regarding the people to whom he is writing? Notice the words of direction and correction in verse 12. Why do you think Paul expects them to receive this direction from him? How do verses 9-11 impact the message of verse 12?
  
3. How did the Thessalonians respond to the preaching of the Gospel?(v13) What does their response verify? What does this tell you about the Gospel and how should this impact how we share the gospel
  
4. What were the results and consequences of Paul's preaching the gospel to the Thessalonians? Who else had these kinds of results and consequences? What are the implications for us as we share the gospel?
  
5. What does Paul say is the objective of preaching the gospel?( v15b) What is the motivation of those who oppose the preaching of the gospel and what is their ultimate end? How must we as Christians respond to the completeness, the eternity, the certainty, the suddenness of the coming of God's wrath on sinners?