

# *“Bringing Up Baby”* *1 Thessalonians 2:1-12*

## I. Three Pictures of Paul’s Ministry: Three Pictures of Who We Should Be

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:1-6

1. A steward, one who is “entrusted with,” is: \_\_\_\_\_  
See Matthew 25:14-30 (The talents are NOT natural gifts/abilities)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s ministry in 2:1-2.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s ministry in 2:3a.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s ministry in 2:3b.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul’s ministry in 2:3c-6.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:7-8.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:9-12.

1. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:9.

2. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:10.

3. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ in 2:11-12.

## II. Paul’s Aim in His Stewarding, Mothering, and Fathering in 2:12.

A. “So that you would \_\_\_\_\_ in a manner \_\_\_\_\_ of the God who \_\_\_\_\_ you into His own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

B. “Calls” is present tense = “continually calls you”

III. “Baby” Food for Thought:

- A. All believers are stewards of God. What resources does God ask us to steward for Him? Make an exhaustive list.
  
- B. Ephesians 5:15 calls us to “make the most of our time” because the days are evil. How can you most effectively steward your time for God? Be specific about your daily schedule.
  
- C. Has anyone ever acted as your spiritual father or mother? What specifically did they do for you that demonstrated their care and concern for your walk with Christ?
  
- D. If you are a parent or grandparent, are you spiritually fathering or mothering your children for Christ? Do you exhort and encourage them toward spiritual things of God, or toward things of the world? Do the activities you encourage your children toward have eternal value or only temporal, earthly value? Make a list of all the activities that a) You do together with your children, and b) Your children are involved in. Now, measure the spiritual value of each activity.
  
- E. Paul wanted the Thessalonians to “live a life worthy of the God who continually calls them into His Kingdom and glory” (12). Is your life worthy of your calling? Do you live a Christian life others want to imitate? How can we live more worthy lives?
  
- F. Paul’s “mothering and fathering” is actually what we call discipleship. Are you currently discipling anyone; teaching the Bible, spending time together, counseling problems biblically in the Faith? Why not? Can you identify someone that know would benefit from your spiritual parenting? Prayerfully consider beginning this relationship.

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# PAUL'S MINISTRY

*Faithful Steward* in 2:1-6

A steward is “entrusted with,” owns nothing of his own, but possesses and uses everything that belongs to his Master. See Joseph in Genesis 39:1-6.

# PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP

2:1-2 and 2:3a

*Manner* of Paul's  
ministry

*Message* of Paul's  
ministry

2:3b and 2:3c-6

*Motive* of Paul's  
ministry

*Method* of Paul's  
ministry

# PAUL'S MINISTRY

*Gentle Mother* in 2:7-8

Love, Patience, Sacrifice, Nourishment,  
Protection

Numbers **11:12** – Moses as “Mother”

# PAUL'S MINISTRY

*Concerned Father* in 2:9-12

His *work* in 2:9; His *walk* in 2:10; His *words* in 2:11-12.

# PAUL'S PARENTAL AIM

*"So that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."*

# “THIS IS GOD CALLING”

## *Importante!*

“calls” in 2:12 is present tense

= “continually calls”

= justification is just the beginning!

God is still calling...to holiness!

# BABY FOOD FOR THOUGHT

See questions back  
of outline

