

Reformed University Fellowship **Training Disciples Conference**

Devotional Guide

Saturday

Character of a Leader

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

In our personal devotions this weekend we will be looking at Paul's ministry to the Thessalonians.

Begin this devotional time by asking God to open your mind to understand His word, soften your heart to receive it, and direct your will to obey it. Also reserve time at the end for prayer about the things God shows you in this passage.

1. Apparently everyone agreed that Paul's ministry among the Thessalonians was a "not in vain". (v. 1) What did Paul do that was so successful?

2. What is the subject of verses 2-5?

3. List the characteristics of Paul's preaching and teaching.

4. In your interactions with friends, classmates, and strangers, which of these characteristics is strongest in you?

Which is weakest?

5. What image does Paul use for himself in verses 6-9?

6. List the specific ways Paul is like a nursing mother.

7. What does Paul mean that he imparted his own life to the Thessalonians?

8. Why did he give himself to the Thessalonians? (v. 8)

9. Do you give your own life to your followers? Are they dear to you, like a child to his mother?

10. What image does Paul use for himself in verses 10-12?

11. List the specific ways Paul is like a father.

12. What was Paul's goal for the Thessalonians? (v. 12)

13. Are you more like a mother or a father in the way you minister?

14. How does your character most need to grow in order to serve others better?

Pray for God to build your character to be more like Christ's. Thank Him for your strengths and ask Him to build up your weaknesses.