

Leading as of a Father (11)

6. He didn't command them as a dictator, but led them,
as would a loving _____.

Paul led by example and with words of firm but loving exhortation and encouragement!

Conclusion (12)

7. One's walk is worthy of God when it _____
to the pattern of the Lord Jesus and of Paul.

Matthew 7:21; Romans 14:17

8. Man's chief and highest end is to _____
God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

The kingdom of God is inhabited by those who are compassionate like a selfless mother to her children, committed like a devoted servant, consistent like a faithful family member, and concerned like a caring father for the spiritual welfare of his home.

THE APOSTOLIC PATTERN – CONDUCT

1 Thessalonians 2:8-12

Introduction

1 John 2:8; 2 John 7

“Good examples have a powerful influence upon us, for we are led more by pattern than by precept, especially the examples of those we love, for such we are prone to imitate; but more especially of those who are in nearest relation to us, for there nature sides with grace.”

Thomas Manton

Paul, Silas and Timothy exemplify the conduct of true Christian leaders and provide a model for all Christians. Their conduct also serves to identify false teachers.

1. By means of four analogies, we will see Paul's unimpeachable pastoral _____.

Care as of a Mother (7-8)

2. The beginning and end of verse 8 describe a very close personal _____ between believers.

Ephesians 4:28

3. Such love is an identifying marker of those who are Jesus' _____.

John 13:34-35

Paul cared for the Thessalonian believers like a mother would care for her children!

Labor as of a Servant (9)

2 Thessalonians 3:7-9

4. They worked to exhaustion under difficult

circumstances so as not to be a _____.

Paul labored for the Christians in Thessalonica like a servant would toil for his master!

Behavior as of a Family (10)

5. They were concerned for the _____ of the family of faith of which they were a part.

Acts 2:42-44

Paul behaved so as to enhance the reputation of the family of believers!