

# Fruitful Evangelism Part 1

July 4, 2021 – 1 Thess. 2:1-8

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## The Prayers a Fruitful Evangelist (Part 1)

*1 For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed--God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

-1 Thess. 2:1-8

1. Pray for the courage to proclaim the Gospel.

2. Pray for a heart that is motivated by a desire to please God above self-interest.

## Questions

1. What thoughts or emotions surface in your mind or heart when you hear the word "Evangelism"?
2. Why do you think most Christians do not faithfully engage in evangelism?
3. How would you describe your personal engagement in proclaiming the Gospel to other people?
4. Why do you think you need to ask God for courage to proclaim the Gospel?
5. What are some wrong motives for sharing the Gospel that you currently or have had to wrestle with in the past?
6. What was your biggest take-a-way from the message this morning?

## Next Steps: July Reading Plan (Week 1)

**Day One:** Luke 9:10-62

**Day Two:** Mark 9

**Day Three:** Luke 12

**Day Four:** John 3-4

**Day Five:** Luke 14

### The Gospel

*The Gospel is the message of God's gracious work of redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, which has the power to rescue our soul from death and realign our lives so that we reflect the glory of Christ to those around us.*

### July Scripture Memory:

***18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

**-Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)**

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