

All In on Gospel Ministry  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-12  
The Foundations of our Faith, part 8

- “Elmer Gantry’s” of fiction have too often existed in the real life of the church. While he appeared to serve the Lord, the mythical character really loved whisky, women, and wealth.
- This passage reminds us that even godly preachers will have their motives questioned and their actions judged.
- Paul was accused of selfish motives and so he reveals the true heart of his Gospel ministry. A key phrase in this passage that Paul gave not the Gospel only but his own soul to the Thessalonians.
- Let’s see three different metaphors Paul uses to show how he was “All in for Gospel Ministry.” He demonstrated...

**1. The Devotion of a Loving Mother, v.7-8**

**2. The Diligence of a Blue Collar Brother, v.9-10**

- Paul was a tireless and tenacious worker, struggling and sacrificing, night and day, day after day.
  - A. He Labored Until Weary, v.9
  - B. He Travailed through Pain, v.9
  - C. He Was Transparent in his Behavior, v.10

**3. The Direction of a Wise Father, v.11-12**

- As a wise father, he gave them:
  - A. He **Counseled** them: 1 Thess.3:2,7; 4:10.
  - B. He **Comforted** them: Many people have suffered tragedy and setbacks. (John 11:19,31; Thess.5:14)
  - C. He **Charged** them: Paul urged them to a Christ-like course of action.