

# Selflessly Proclaiming the Gospel

## 1 Thessalonians 2:8-9

### I. Love Is Seen in the Way We Give of Ourselves As We Share the Gospel With Others (vs. 8)

As Gene Green has observed:

The Greek term (*homeiromenoi*) means “desire greatly” or “long for,” a word found in such contexts as a funerary inscription that tells how the parents long for their deceased son. The messengers’ affectionate disposition toward the Thessalonians was an earnest longing for them, as a parent would long for an absent child. (PNTC, p. 128)

As D. Michael Martin has said, “A gospel messengers who stands detached from his audience has not yet been touched by the very gospel he proclaims” (NAC, p. 81).

### II. Love Is Seen in the Choices We Make As We Share the Gospel With Others (vs. 9)

Paul often chose to forgo his rights for the sake of others, which is why he often refused support from those to whom he initially proclaimed to Gospel.

Acts 18:1-3; 20:33-35

1 Corinthians 4:11-12; 9:1-14

However, Paul did consistently welcome support from already established churches as he proclaimed the Gospel in other places.

2 Corinthians 11:7-9

Philippians 4:10-17