

I Thessalonians 2:10-12

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Introduction

- I. What is it that makes a father?
- II. Paul compares his work as apostle-pastor to that of a father instructing his children.

Fathers Walking Worthy of God

I. The High Calling

A. We learn a father lives a life to please God that accompanies the instruction he gives.

B. The text is an encouragement for us as fathers to teach our children with words and our example what it means to live as Christians in this world.

II. The Highest Reasons - Paul expresses what motivated him.

A. First, a father is motivated by self-sacrificial love for his children.

B. But there is a reason even higher than this to teach and be examples to our children - walking worthy of God. This means we do this to please God!

III. The Specific Goal

A. The apostle had a specific goal in his spiritual fathering, which we find in verse 12.

B. When Paul says this, he is saying that fathers must have goals for the rearing of their children.