

1. 1 Thes 2:1-12 - Great Tit. about to begin - How to please everybody - ordained itay in center of God's will. "Certain I am now - God put me here - Right kind of Pastor - Paul's summary - His accomplishments my ambitions" - "Entrance not in vain" - accomplished what God intended!! God as witness - as Thos standing there visibly.

I. The message I must preach - to fulfill God's Purpose  
v. 2. Gospel - 1 Cor 2:2 - Paul's secret of power - 24 Billy Graham = all men - "you didn't preach the cross-brite."  
→ 1:5 - "our Gospel" - the man was lost in his message  
1. a sacred trust - vs. 4. allowed - tested & approved -  
God approved me to preach - terrifying & humbling,  
① tremendous responsibility = "In fear & trembling!" Chaffin.  
② authority to speak = God has something to say to this Church  
Thm one that could be said by no one else.  
③ Finality = I <sup>don't</sup> entertain the thought that there could be any other way - dogmatic where Bible concerned - want to be Bible Church - sole guide in faith & practice.

2. Two ways I preached -  
① Boldness = frankness - Gospel powerful only when preached this way - Peter at Pentecost = all must be filled, Billy Graham = "nobody's that good!"  
② Contention = opposition - our word agony = real battle doesn't go forward w/out struggle - Cause? = v. 4 - Pleasing God not man - "men want to be pleased -  
→ Even God can't please man - not going try to do what God can't do  
③ Pleasing God = God word quality - 1. Peace = cannot see, to God  
2. Patience = results = God does it.

3. not chargeable to any of you = Thinking that!

II. manner to practice = vs 7-11 -  
1. devoted, dedication = nurse  
2. disciplined = father.

III. ministry to perform = vs 12 - God's Purpose  
1. Program ① win to X ② walk like X  
Everythg should promote this goal.

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