

“When A Pastor Gets It Right”

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

BIG IDEA: A good pastor is a blessing to his church.

*“For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters,
that our visit with you was not without result.”
1 Thessalonians 2:1 (CSB)*

A GOOD PASTOR IS:



A **FAITHFUL TRUSTEE.** (v1-6)

- Manages the **MANNER** of his ministry.
- Manages the **MESSAGE** of his ministry.
- Manages the **MOTIVE** of his ministry.
- Manages the **METHOD** of his ministry.



A **CARING MOTHER.** (v7-8)

- Makes **SACRIFICES.**
- Exerts **PATIENCE.**
- Provides **NOURISHMENT.**



A **COMMITTED FATHER.** (v9-12)

- Is responsible for his **WORK.**
- Is responsible for his **WALK.**
- Is responsible for his **WORDS.**

BIG IDEA: A good pastor is a blessing to his church.

READ: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

THINK: Consider these distinguishing characteristics of a pastor as exemplified in Paul, then ask yourself these questions: *What is one of your most memorable failures? What is one of your most memorable success? What made the difference between failure or success? What rumors about Paul have been spread by his opponents (v1-6)? Does Paul sound reassuring to you? Why or why not? From this passage, what does ethical evangelism look like? What would its opposite look like? What do the images of being a TRUSTEE (v4), MOTHER (v7) & FATHER (v11) add to your understanding of pastoral leadership within the Church of Jesus Christ?*

DO: In addition to the images of TRUSTEE, MOTHER & FATHER, more specifically list all the characteristics of a faithful pastoral leader given in this passage. Of these, which do you possess? Which of these do you want to develop? Again, based on these verses, what concerns you about the way some people share the Gospel message or lead in ministry? How do you avoid these mistakes and yet maintain a strong Gospel witness?